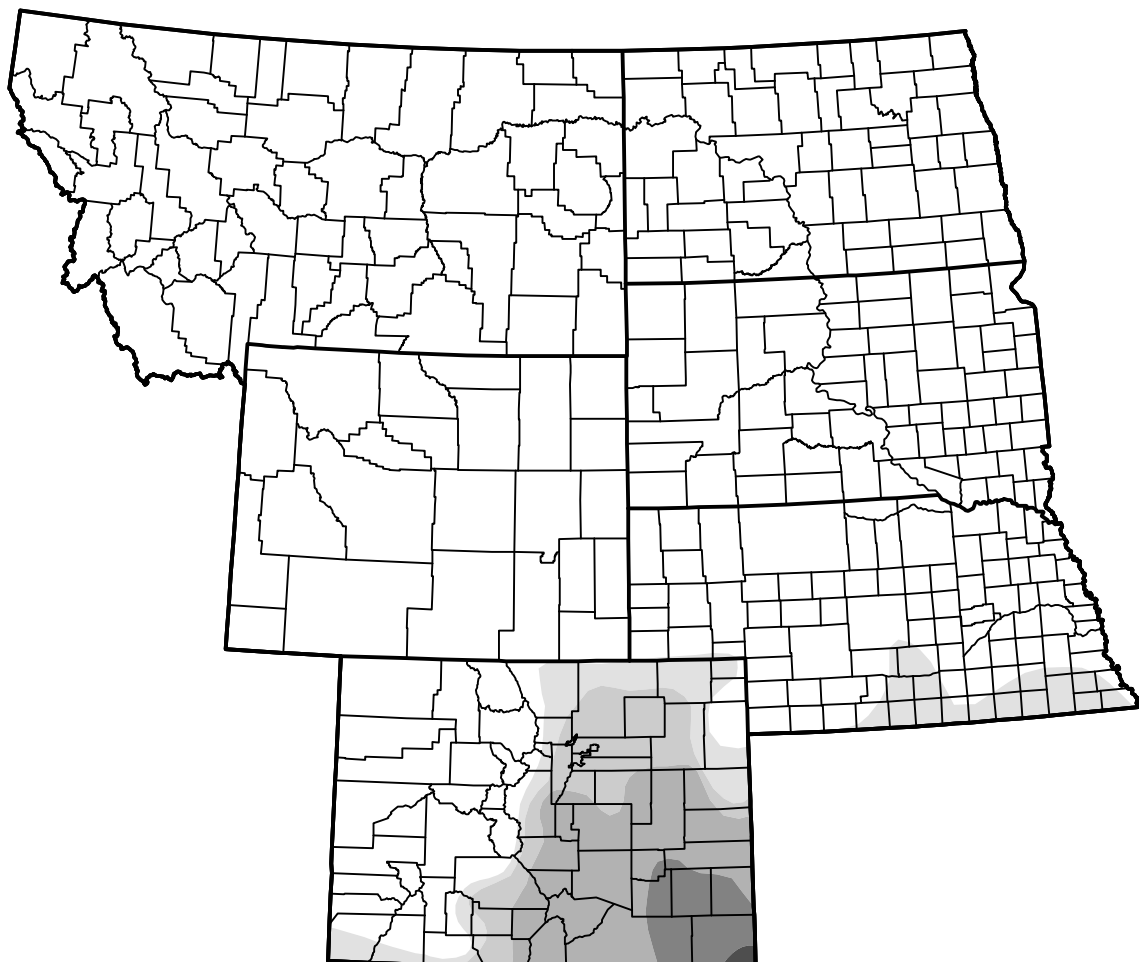


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains

### Climate Hub



**May 17, 2011**

*(Released Thursday, May. 19, 2011)*

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 87.96 | 12.04 | 8.18  | 5.64  | 1.36  | 0.06 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-10-2011</i>              | 83.50 | 16.50 | 9.57  | 7.39  | 0.59  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-15-2011</i>           | 78.34 | 21.66 | 10.51 | 1.62  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 76.75 | 23.25 | 10.51 | 1.84  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2010</i>    | 71.39 | 28.61 | 3.31  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-18-2010</i>           | 78.06 | 21.94 | 12.11 | 3.40  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

#### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  None                  |  D2 Severe Drought        |
|  D0 Abnormally Dry    |  D3 Extreme Drought      |
|  D1 Moderate Drought |  D4 Exceptional Drought |

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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