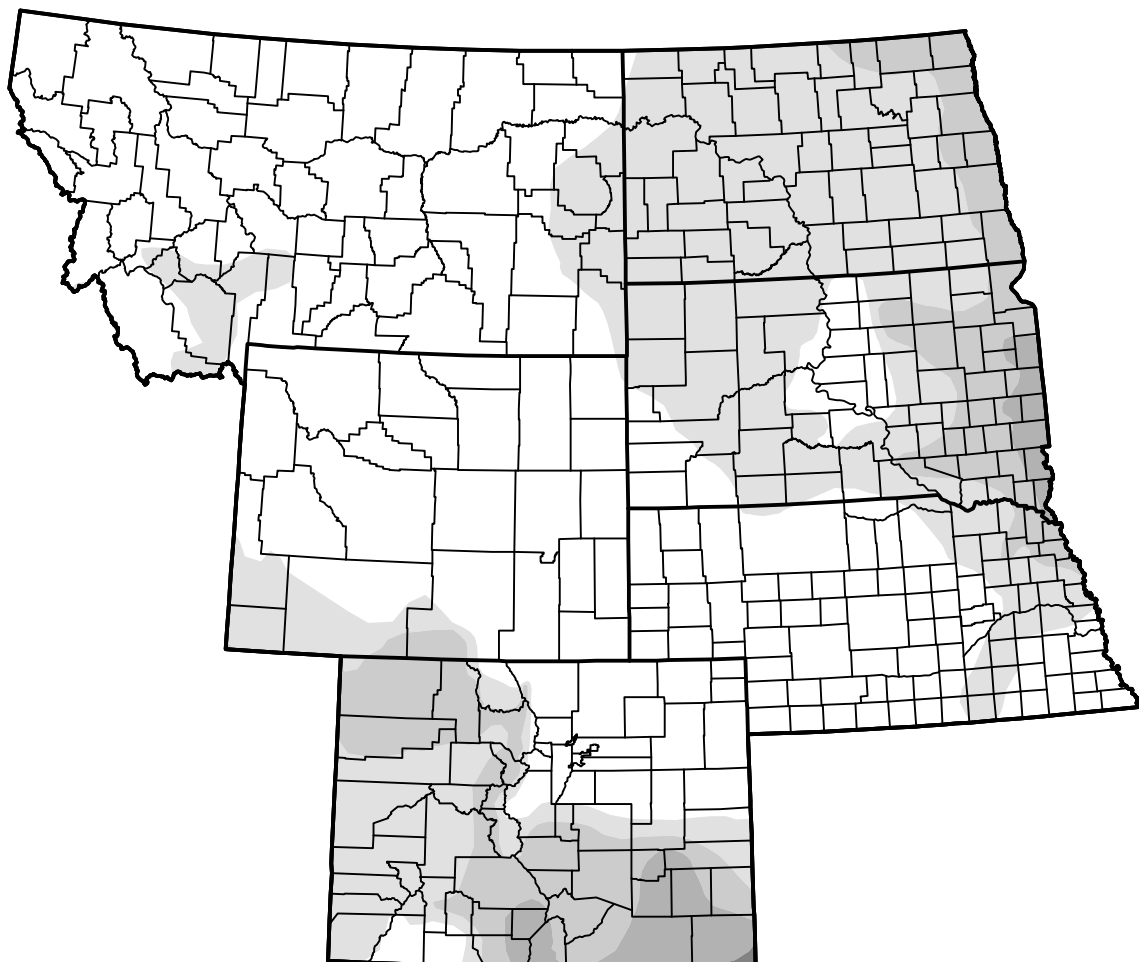


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.82	29.78	10.73	2.63	0.04	0.00
Last Week 02-07-2012	58.08	29.18	10.59	2.11	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-15-2011	79.92	10.99	5.36	3.39	0.22	0.11
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	68.95	21.72	7.03	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	73.09	20.90	2.38	2.20	1.33	0.10
One Year Ago 02-15-2011	78.34	11.16	8.89	1.62	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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