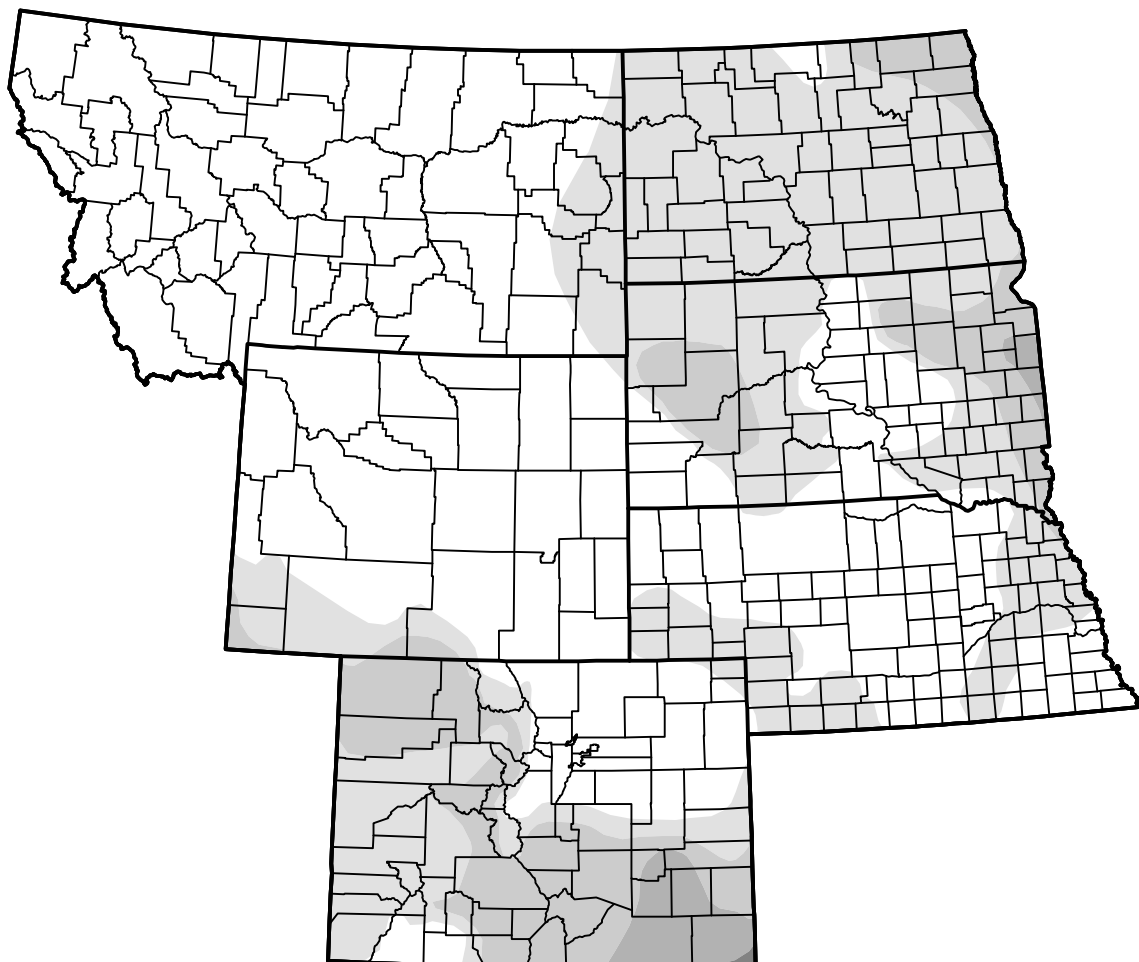


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**March 20, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 22, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 57.72 | 42.28 | 12.60 | 1.78  | 0.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-13-2012</i>              | 56.09 | 43.91 | 11.29 | 1.80  | 0.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-20-2011</i>           | 73.46 | 26.54 | 9.32  | 3.08  | 0.01  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 68.95 | 31.05 | 9.32  | 2.29  | 0.01  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 73.09 | 26.91 | 6.01  | 3.63  | 1.43  | 0.10 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-22-2011</i>           | 78.91 | 21.09 | 9.49  | 7.18  | 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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