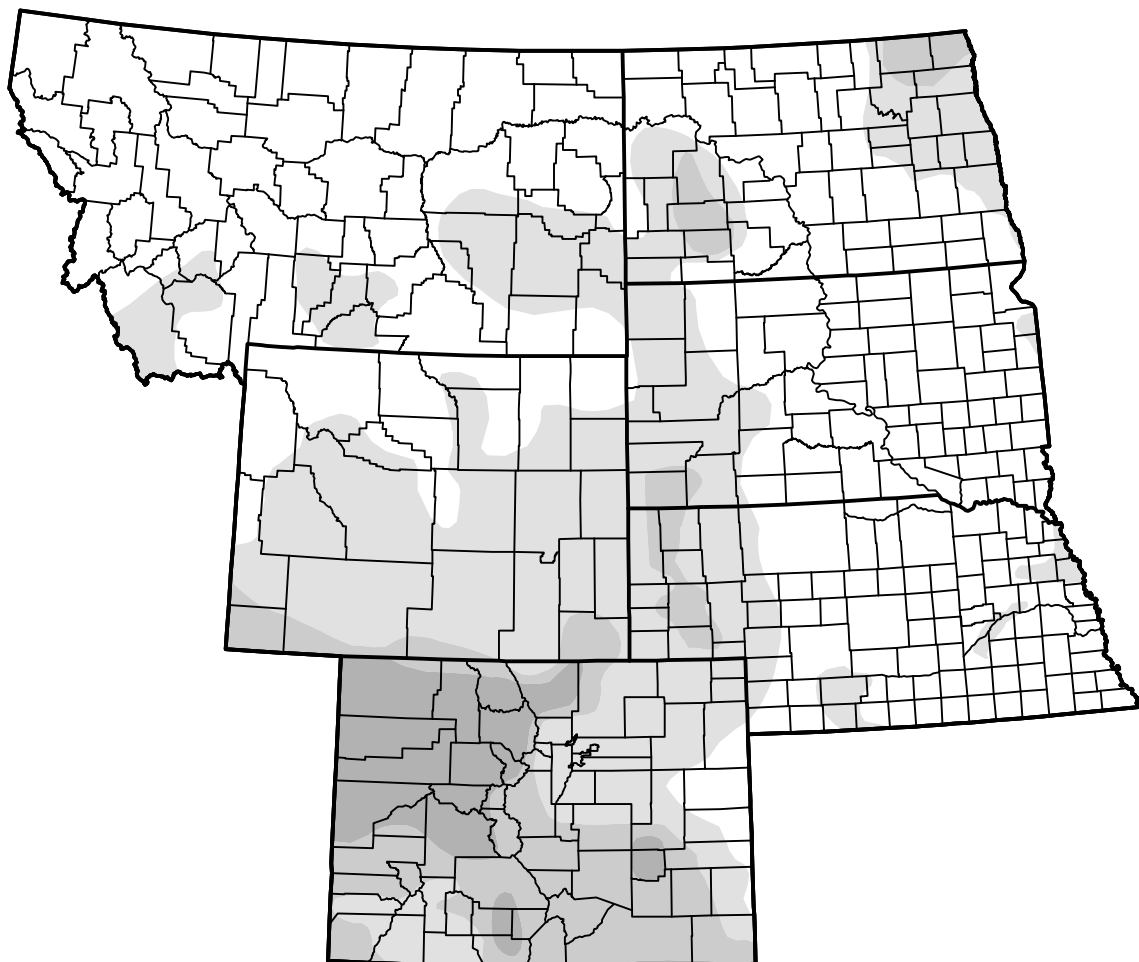


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	54.50	30.42	9.90	5.18	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-08-2012</i>	56.47	28.95	9.23	5.35	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2012</i>	56.82	29.78	10.73	2.63	0.04	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	21.72	7.03	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	73.09	20.90	2.38	2.20	1.33	0.10
One Year Ago <i>05-17-2011</i>	87.96	3.85	2.54	4.28	1.30	0.06

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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