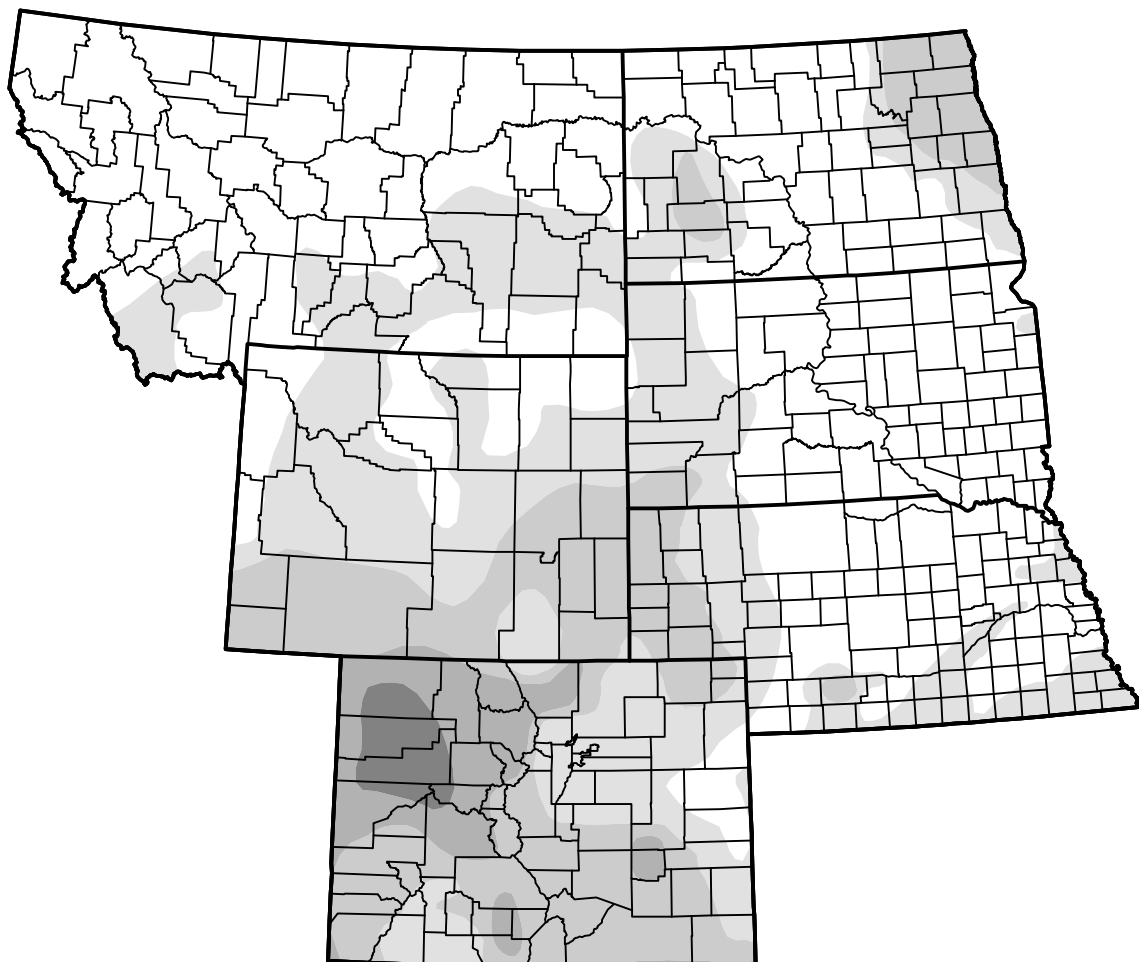


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains

### Climate Hub



**May 22, 2012**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 50.53 | 27.21 | 16.77 | 4.17 | 1.32 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-15-2012</i>              | 54.50 | 30.42 | 9.90  | 5.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-21-2012</i>           | 56.44 | 30.05 | 10.85 | 2.63 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 68.95 | 21.72 | 7.03  | 2.29 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 73.09 | 20.90 | 2.38  | 2.20 | 1.33 | 0.10 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-24-2011</i>           | 90.92 | 2.49  | 1.83  | 3.39 | 1.21 | 0.16 |

#### 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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