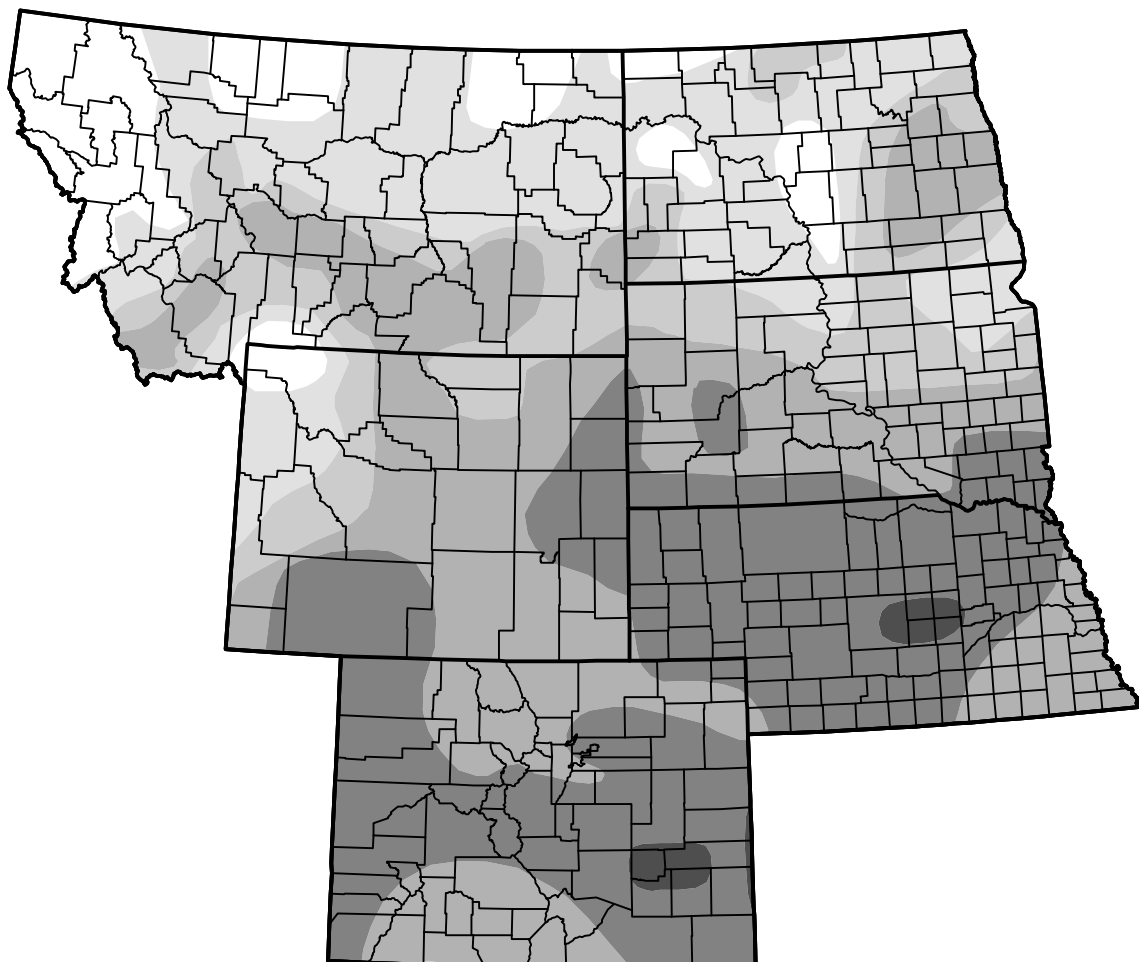


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	8.82	19.10	13.39	28.52	29.10	1.06
Last Week <i>07-24-2012</i>	12.24	16.06	13.30	29.33	28.18	0.89
3 Months Ago <i>05-01-2012</i>	54.57	27.97	12.11	5.35	0.00	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>08-02-2011</i>	90.73	3.46	1.03	1.37	3.01	0.39

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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