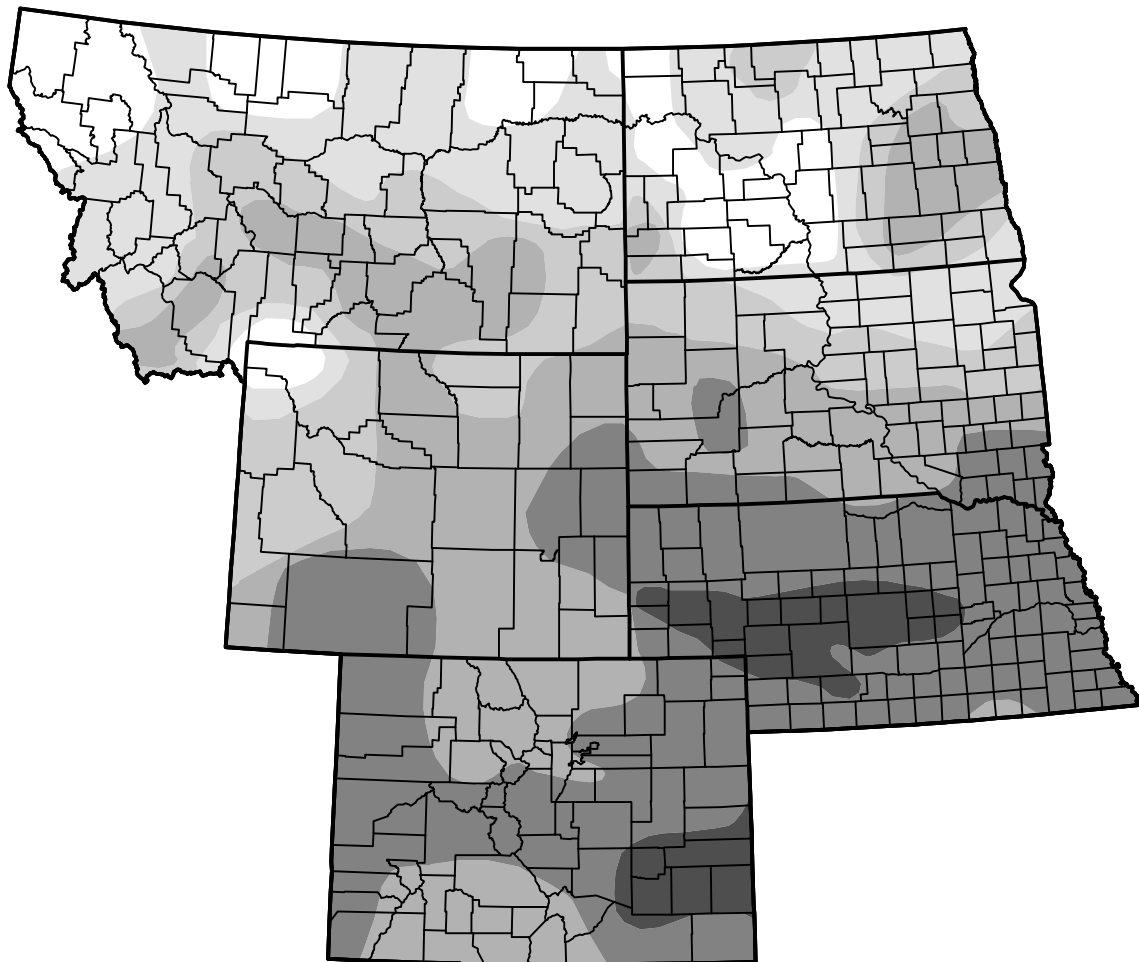


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.17	90.83	73.81	58.19	32.06	4.78
Last Week <i>08-14-2012</i>	9.86	90.14	72.53	58.44	31.17	4.70
3 Months Ago <i>05-22-2012</i>	50.53	49.47	22.26	5.49	1.32	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	73.09	26.91	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
One Year Ago <i>08-23-2011</i>	88.74	11.26	5.27	4.18	2.17	0.22

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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