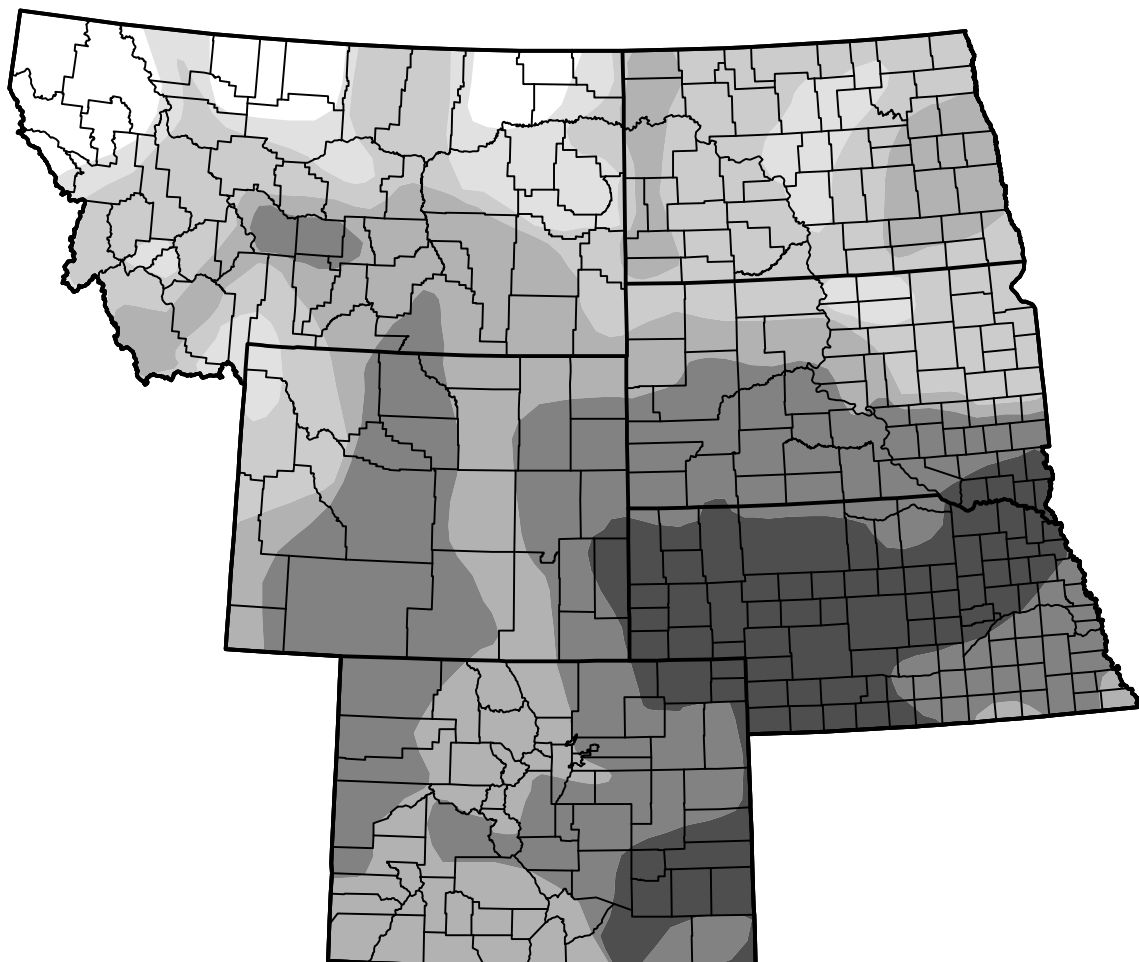


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USDA Northern Plains

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.06	94.94	87.46	66.58	42.19	13.72
Last Week <i>09-11-2012</i>	5.06	94.94	85.91	66.51	42.21	13.58
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2012</i>	30.78	69.22	40.68	14.30	5.50	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>09-20-2011</i>	85.45	14.55	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10

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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