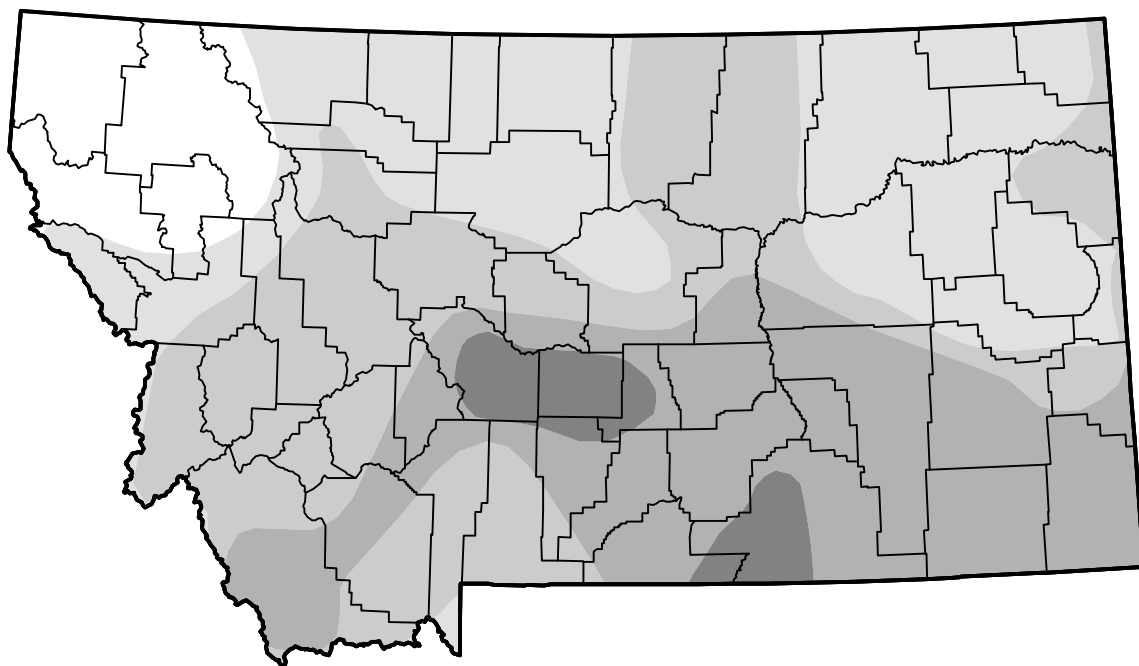


# U.S. Drought Monitor Montana

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 9.21  | 29.26 | 31.09 | 26.27 | 4.18 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-04-2012</i>              | 18.74 | 18.75 | 32.06 | 26.27 | 4.18 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-12-2012</i>           | 39.54 | 28.34 | 26.53 | 5.59  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 93.41 | 6.59  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 18.74 | 18.75 | 33.36 | 24.97 | 4.18 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-13-2011</i>           | 99.42 | 0.58  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |

**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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