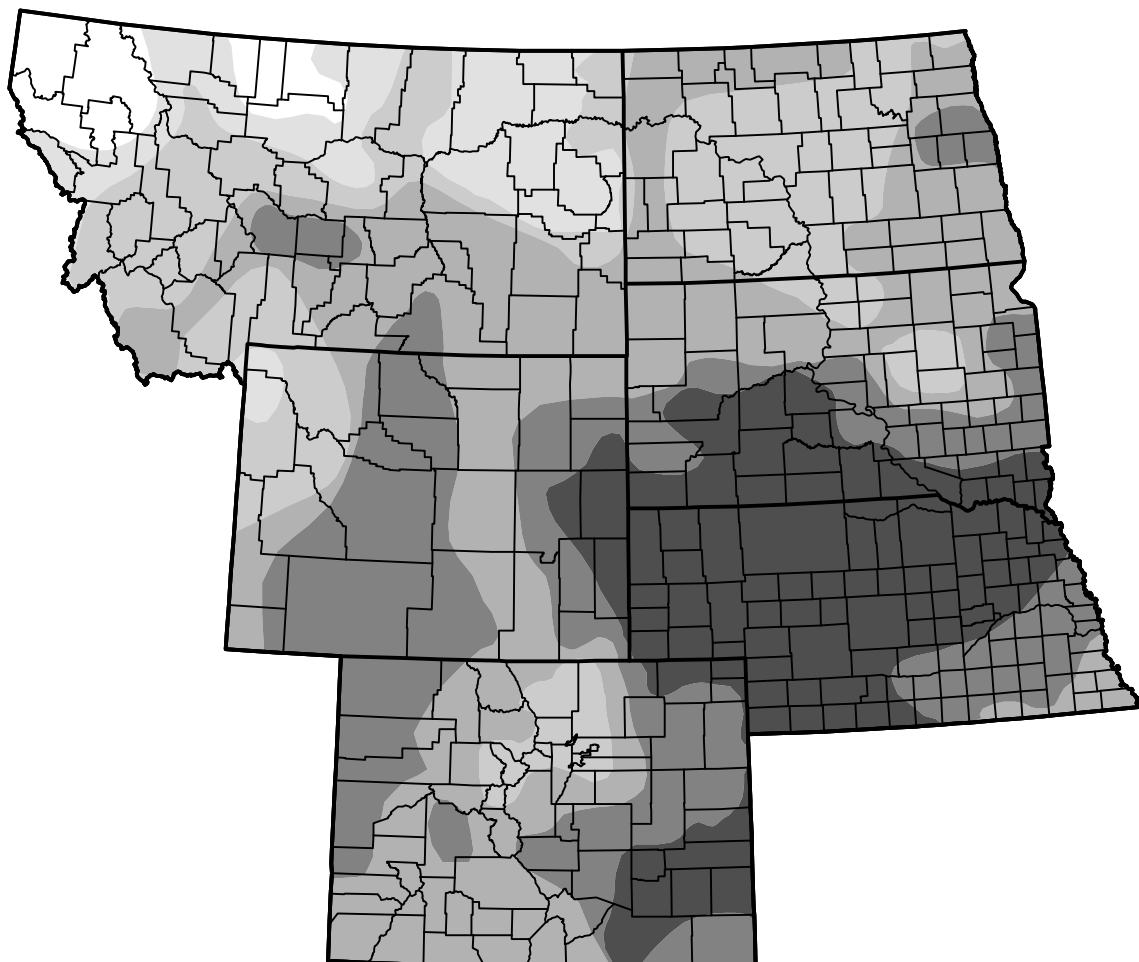


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.34	7.30	18.29	29.87	22.55	18.66
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	2.36	7.84	18.64	29.85	22.66	18.66
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	12.16	16.90	19.49	35.69	15.44	0.32
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>09-25-2012</i>	4.80	5.77	21.95	24.71	28.48	14.29
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	85.42	8.56	2.39	2.45	1.07	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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