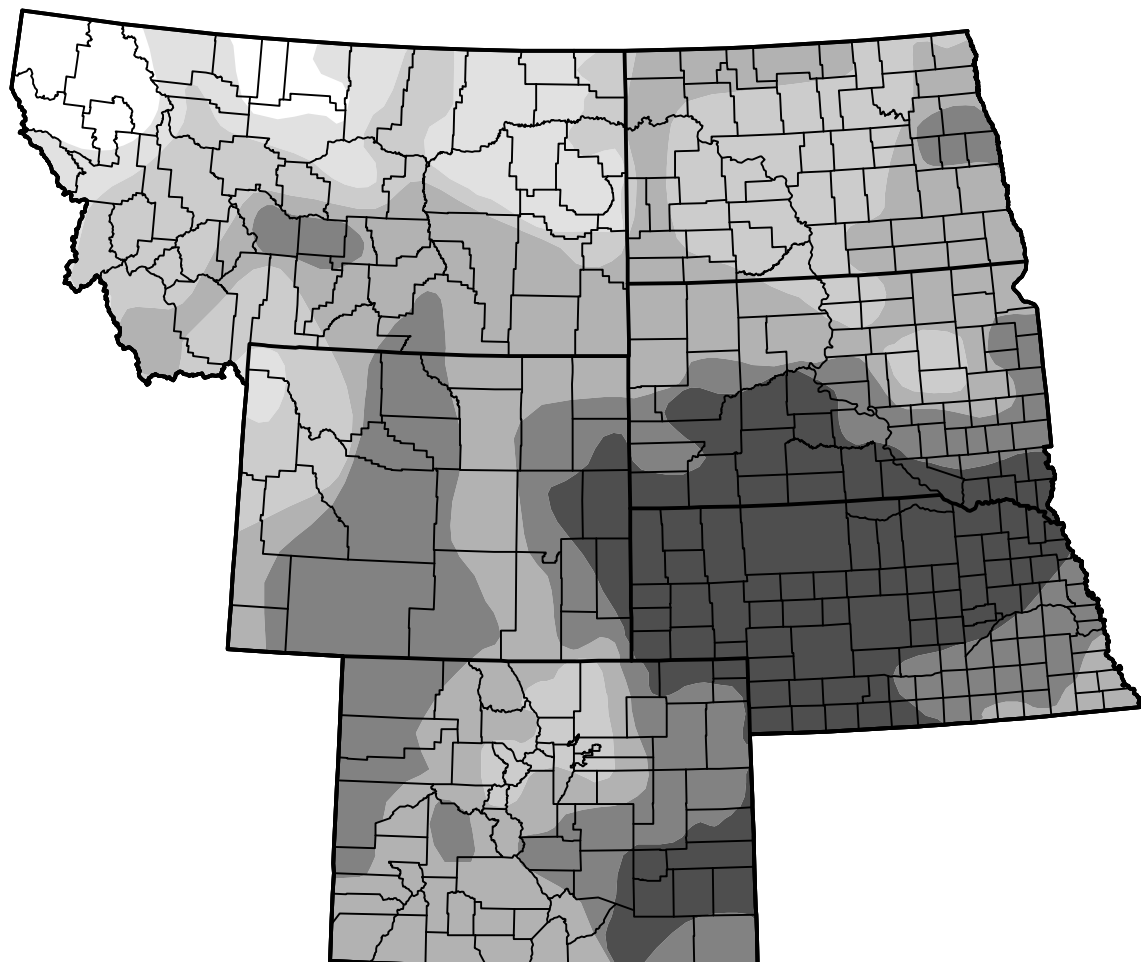


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.34	96.66	89.36	71.07	41.20	18.66
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	2.36	97.64	89.80	71.16	41.31	18.66
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	12.16	87.84	70.94	51.45	15.76	0.32
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>09-25-2012</i>	4.80	95.20	89.43	67.48	42.77	14.29
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	85.42	14.58	6.02	3.63	1.17	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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