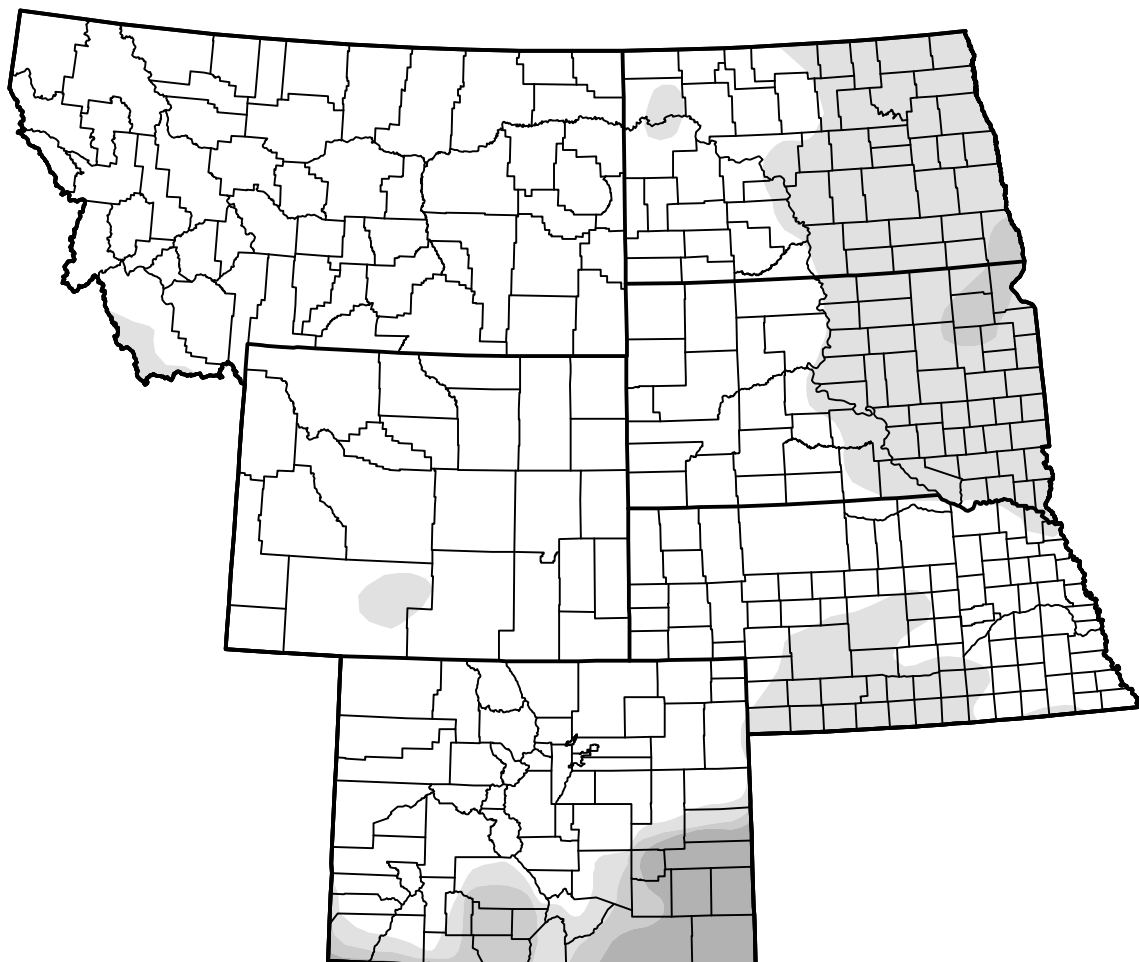


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	76.74	23.26	4.64	2.22	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2014</i>	76.73	23.27	4.64	2.22	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2014</i>	90.23	9.77	4.99	2.82	0.49	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2013</i>	61.90	38.10	12.18	6.04	1.37	0.27
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2014</i>	90.80	9.20	4.48	2.51	0.42	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2013</i>	61.63	38.37	11.93	5.85	1.37	0.27

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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