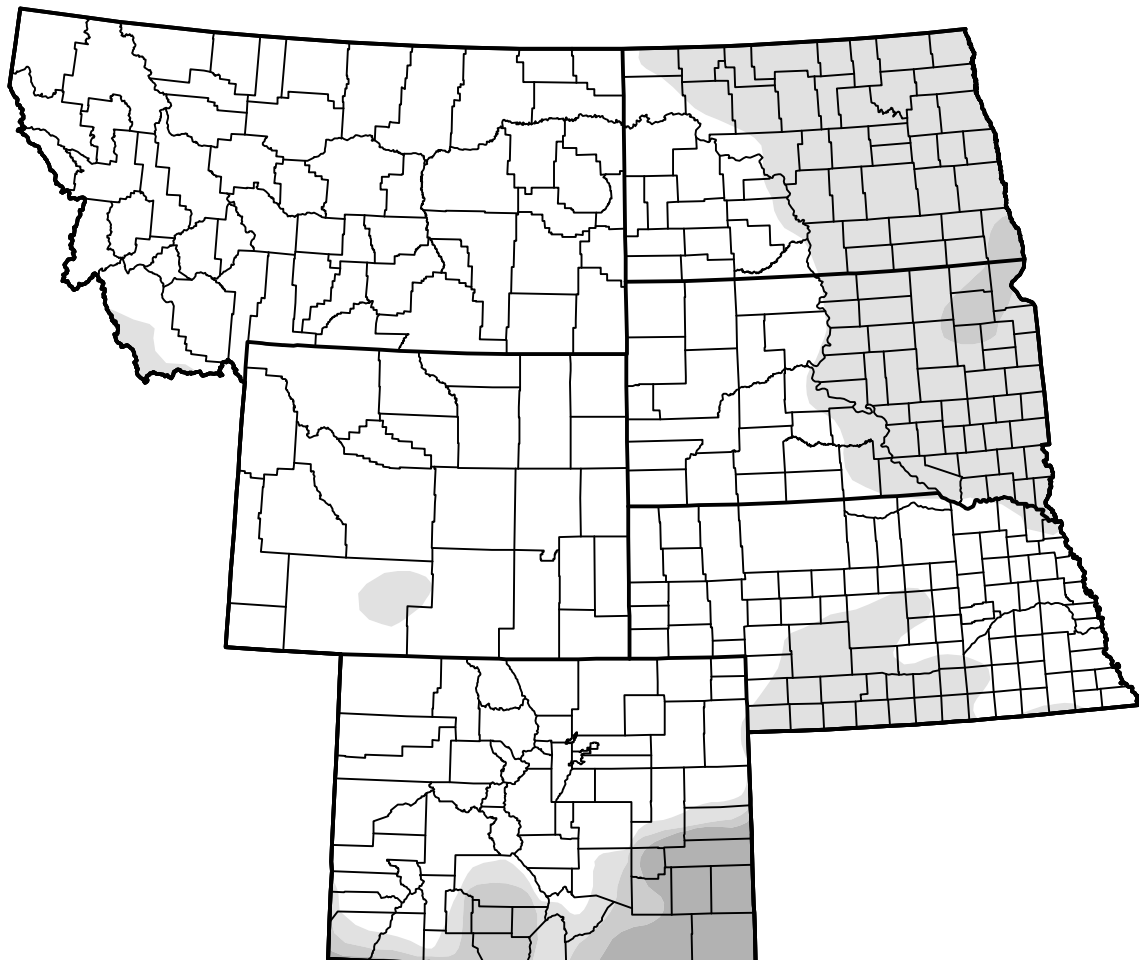


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**December 30, 2014**  
 (Released Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 75.26 | 20.10 | 2.42 | 2.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-23-2014              | 75.26 | 20.10 | 2.42 | 2.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-30-2014           | 90.80 | 4.72  | 1.97 | 2.09 | 0.42 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2013 | 61.90 | 25.93 | 6.14 | 4.67 | 1.10 | 0.27 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-30-2014    | 90.80 | 4.72  | 1.97 | 2.09 | 0.42 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-31-2013           | 61.90 | 25.93 | 6.14 | 4.67 | 1.10 | 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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