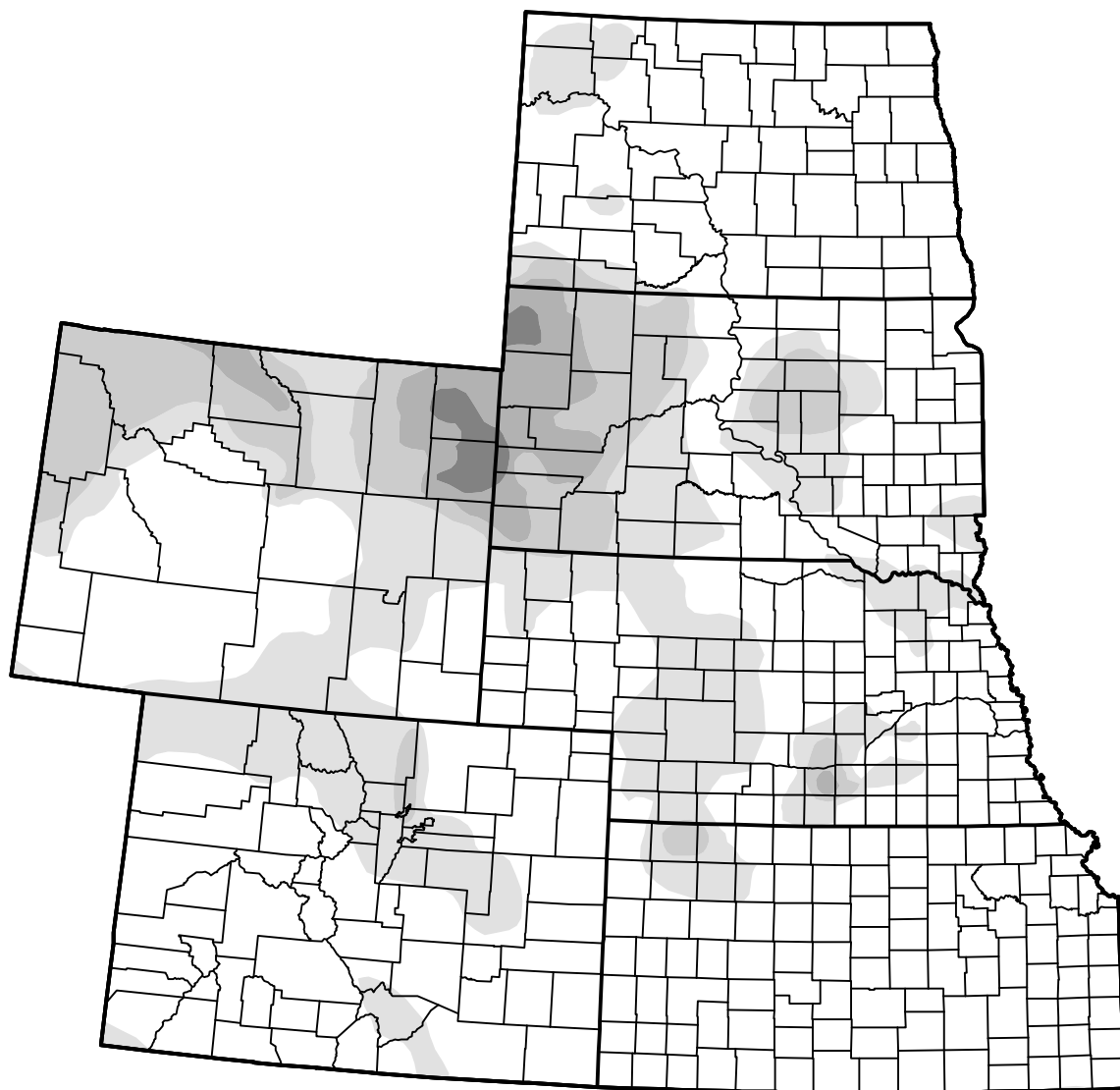


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**August 30, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Sep. 1, 2016)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 67.61 | 20.38 | 8.15 | 3.14 | 0.72 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-23-2016</i>              | 64.09 | 24.49 | 7.34 | 3.35 | 0.72 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-31-2016</i>           | 90.91 | 8.09  | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 78.82 | 19.60 | 1.58 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 75.58 | 23.61 | 0.82 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-01-2015</i>           | 91.92 | 7.92  | 0.16 | 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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