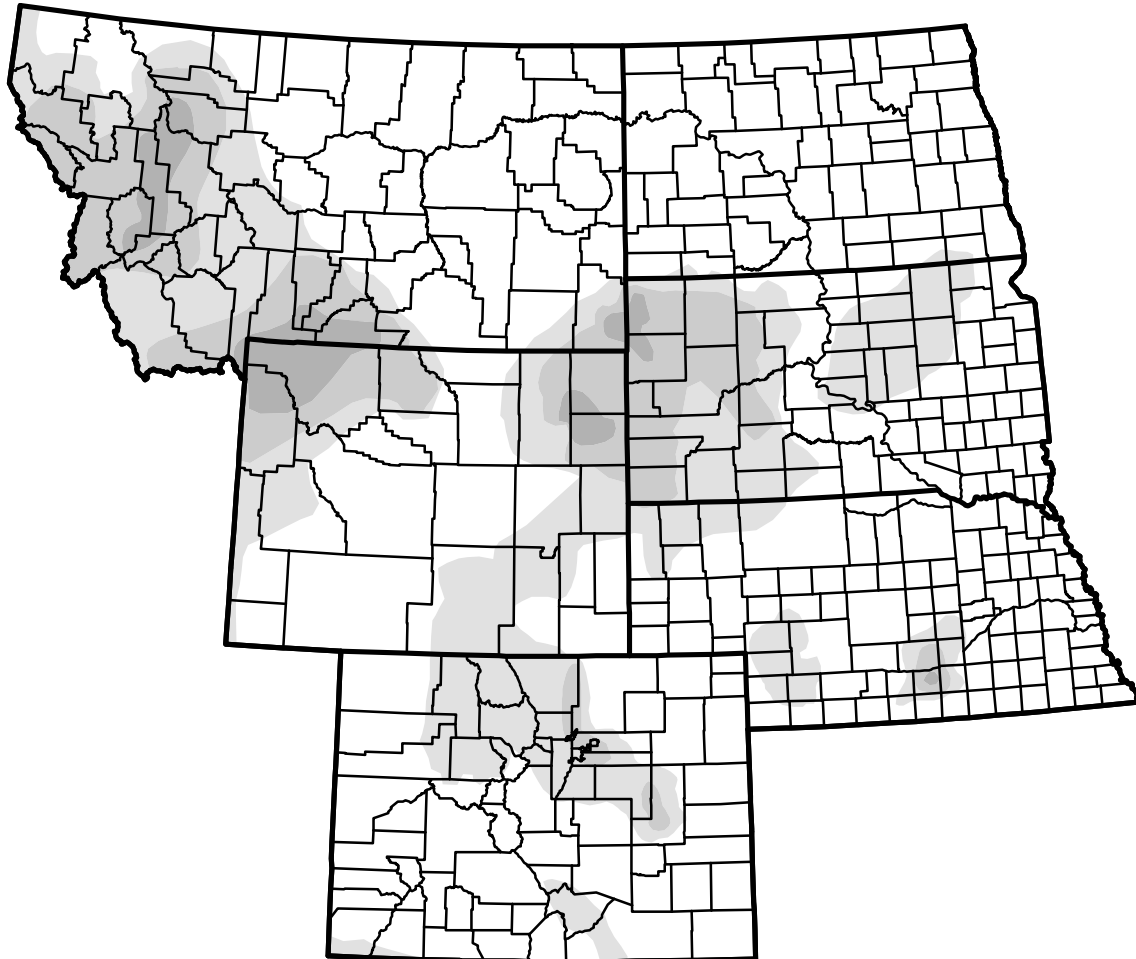


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	66.91	33.09	13.12	2.68	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-27-2016</i>	62.66	37.34	14.21	3.88	0.23	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-05-2016</i>	71.32	28.68	10.47	1.70	0.25	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2015</i>	68.34	31.66	9.32	5.37	0.91	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2016</i>	62.66	37.34	14.21	3.88	0.23	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-06-2015</i>	66.86	33.14	9.10	7.20	4.33	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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