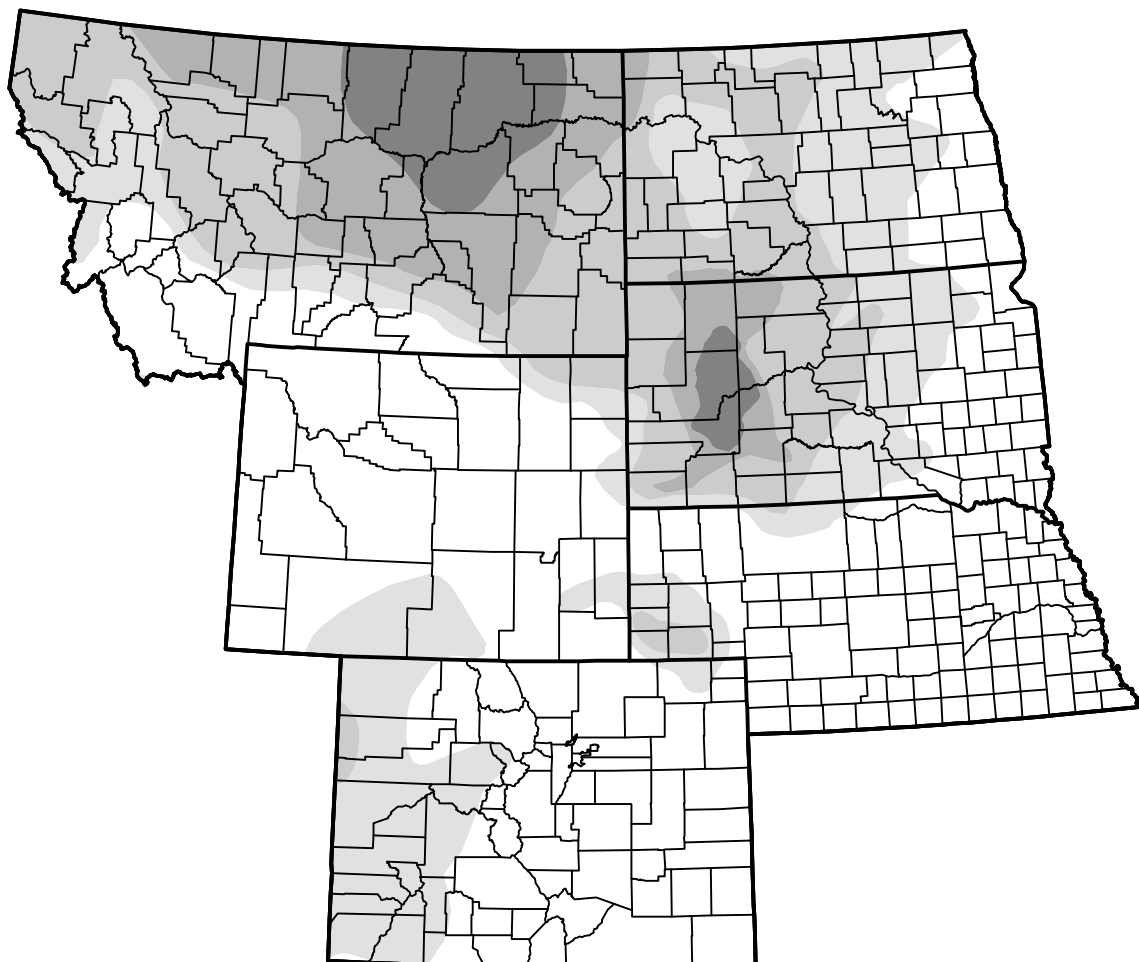


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**October 24, 2017**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 49.52 | 50.48 | 30.84 | 13.52 | 4.61  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-17-2017</i>              | 49.36 | 50.64 | 31.33 | 15.39 | 4.30  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-25-2017</i>           | 30.93 | 69.07 | 39.51 | 25.57 | 13.74 | 3.98 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 61.47 | 38.53 | 15.95 | 1.47  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 42.89 | 57.11 | 39.34 | 25.07 | 12.12 | 4.54 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-25-2016</i>           | 65.61 | 34.39 | 8.78  | 0.58  | 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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