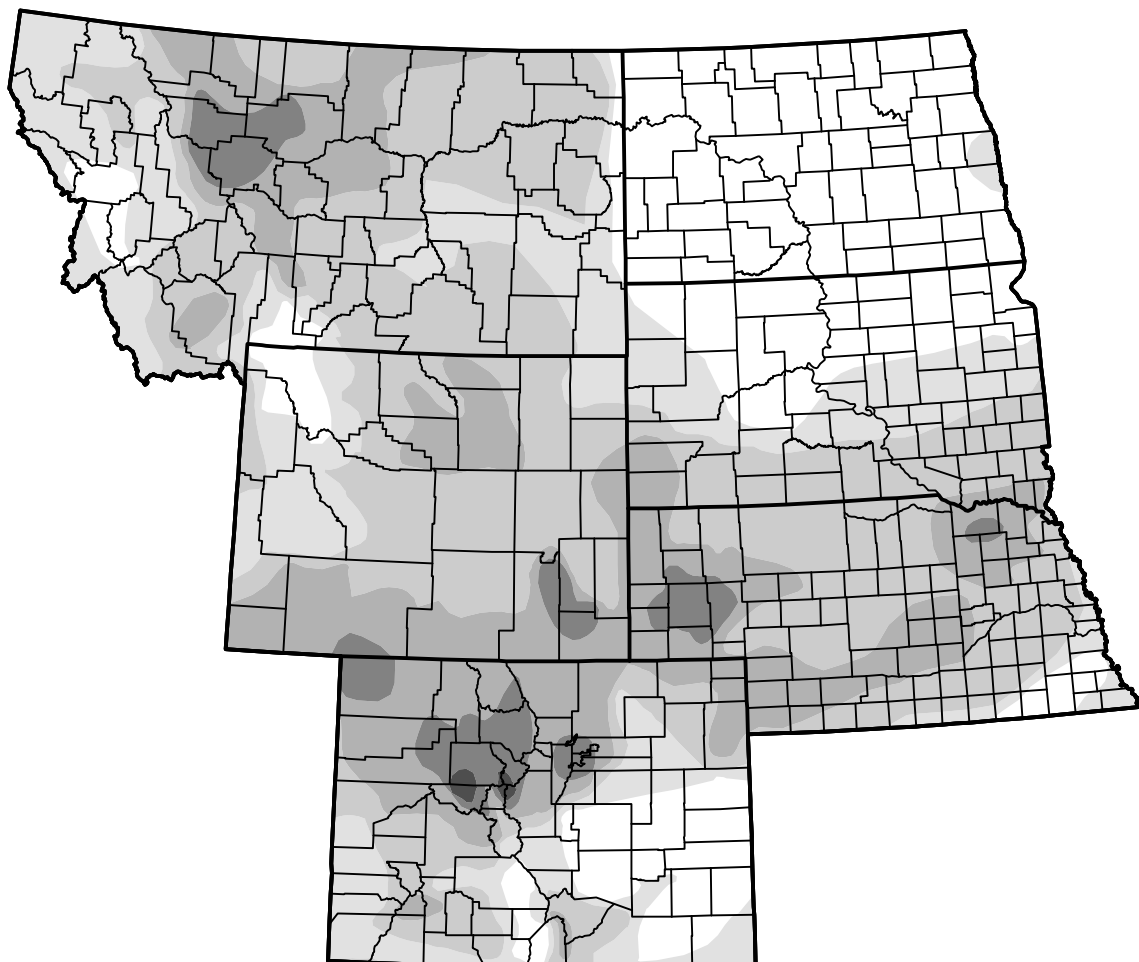


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	23.62	18.78	34.15	19.20	4.11	0.15
Last Week <i>02-24-2026</i>	27.01	20.21	33.26	15.61	3.77	0.15
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2025</i>	47.83	21.40	18.74	10.29	1.75	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	43.84	30.75	16.15	8.10	1.04	0.12
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	51.04	21.64	7.67	12.17	7.49	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-04-2025</i>	25.33	15.75	30.29	21.84	6.80	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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