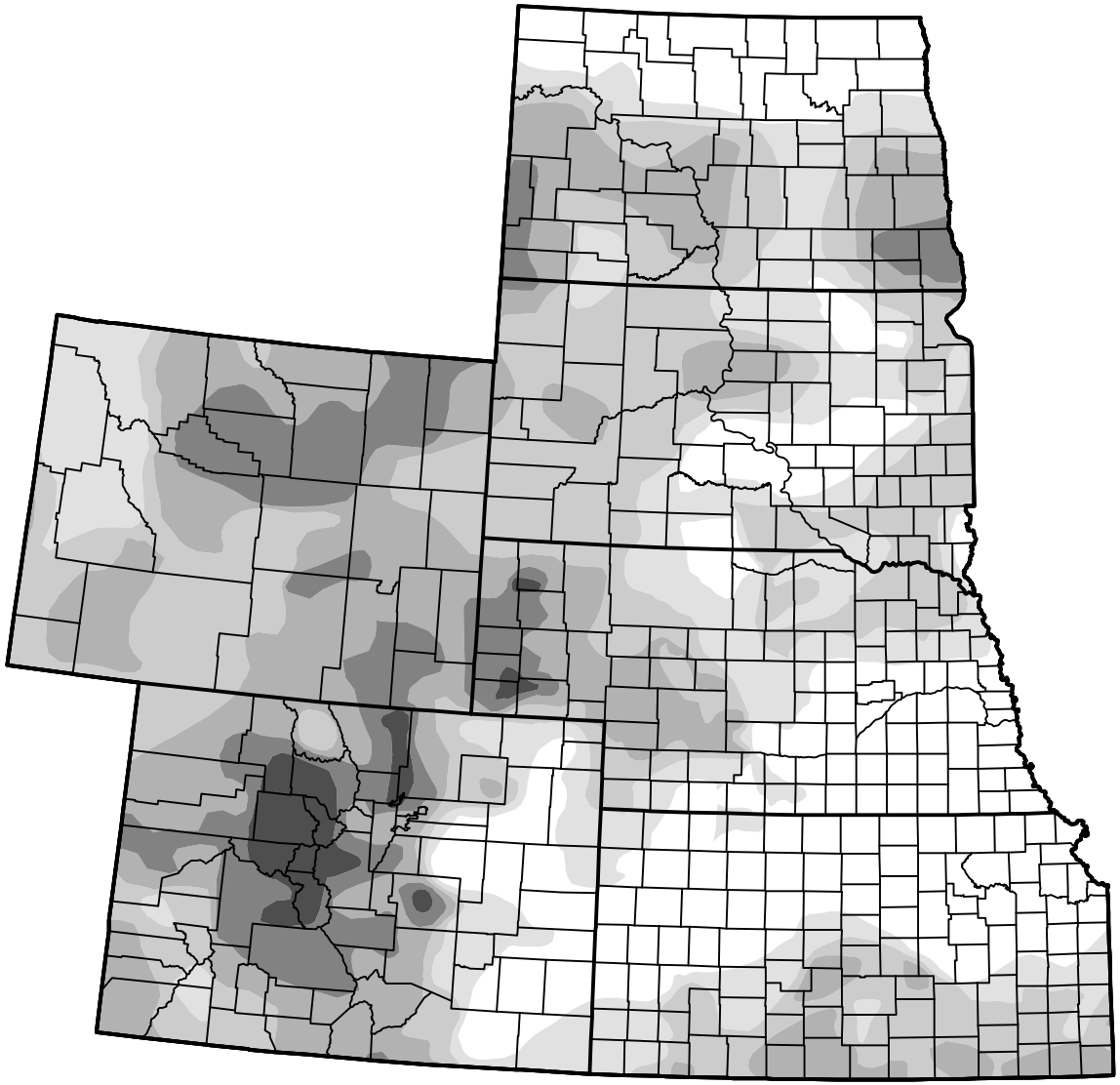
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains Climate Region



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.78	17.68	26.07	22.25	9.35	1.87
Last Week *10-06-2026*	22.80	17.14	25.80	21.35	11.05	1.87
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	22.32	15.62	16.63	23.16	19.33	2.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	46.41	28.45	17.03	7.21	0.75	0.14
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	62.92	17.22	6.89	7.00	5.97	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	61.84	18.92	10.04	5.90	3.30	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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