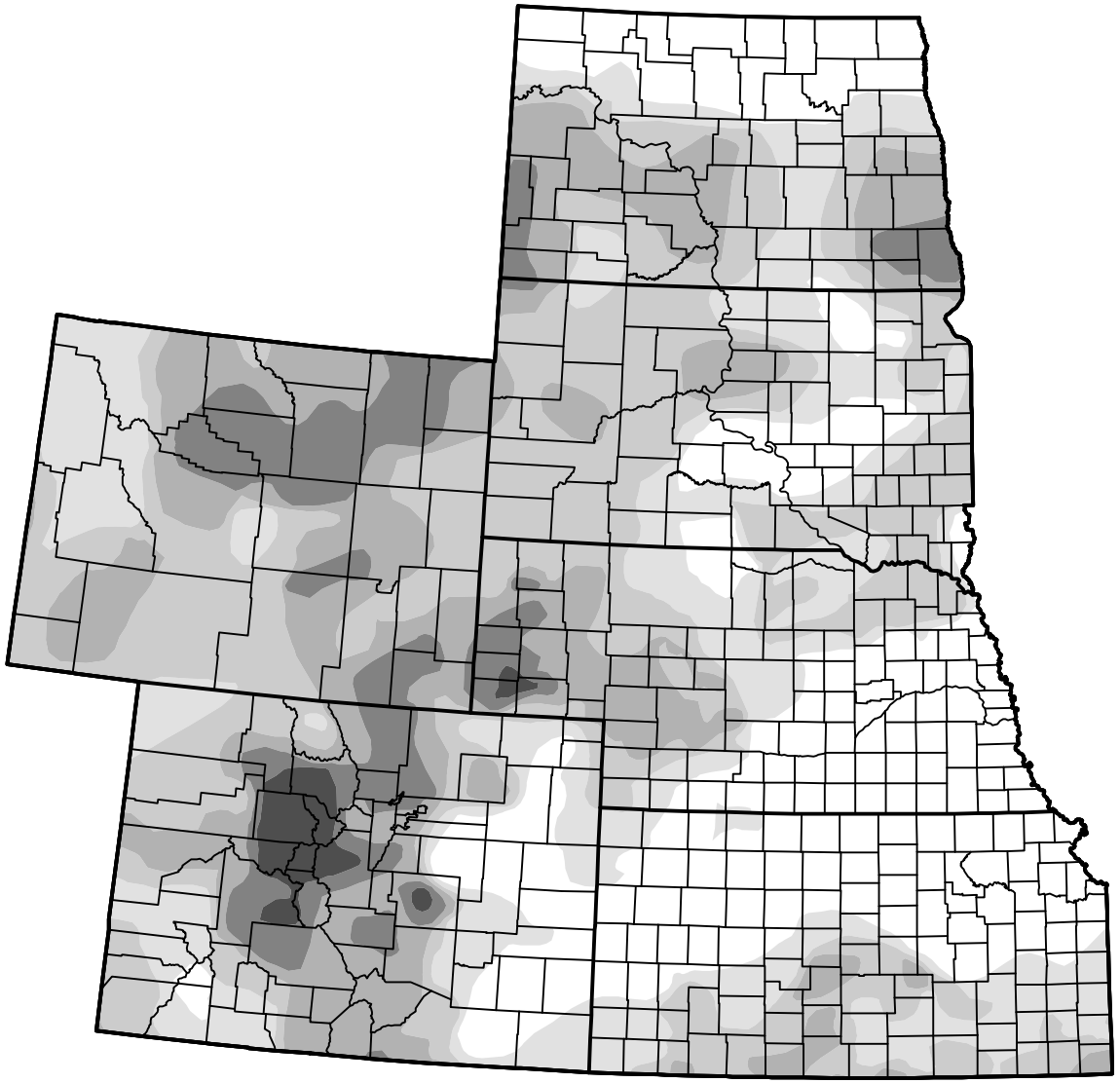
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains Climate Region



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.82	76.18	55.78	28.03	9.05	1.32
Last Week *10-13-2026*	22.78	77.22	59.54	33.47	11.22	1.87
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	19.53	80.47	63.65	46.26	23.42	2.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	46.41	53.59	25.13	8.10	0.89	0.14
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	17.27	82.73	66.58	36.74	13.34	2.19
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	63.72	36.28	17.57	7.55	1.74	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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