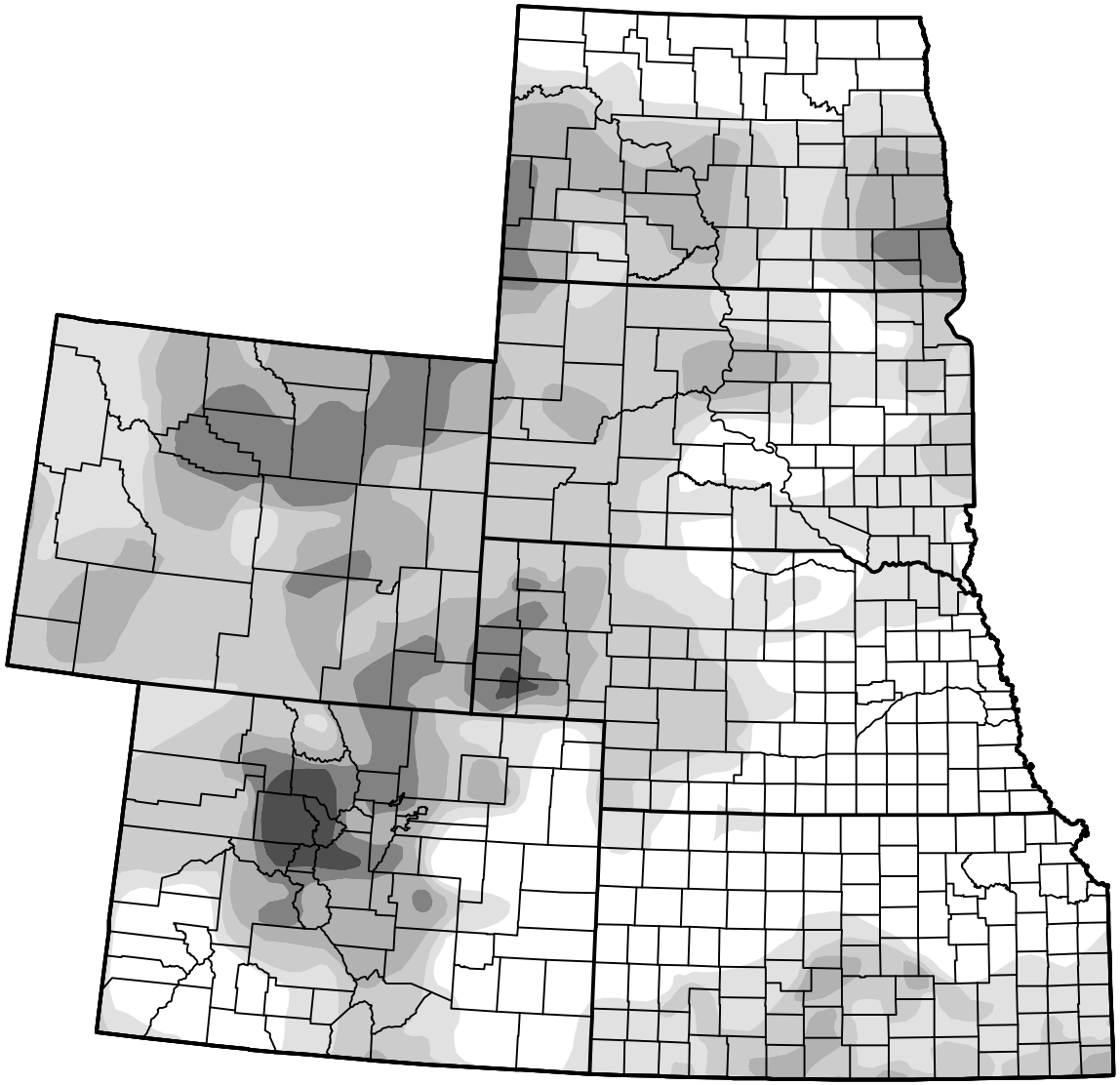
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.73	20.80	26.36	16.25	6.89	0.97
Last Week *10-20-2026*	23.82	20.40	27.75	18.97	7.73	1.32
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	14.15	15.92	20.63	25.31	20.70	3.28
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	46.41	28.45	17.03	7.21	0.75	0.14
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	17.27	16.15	29.84	23.40	11.15	2.19
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	62.77	19.80	9.85	5.84	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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