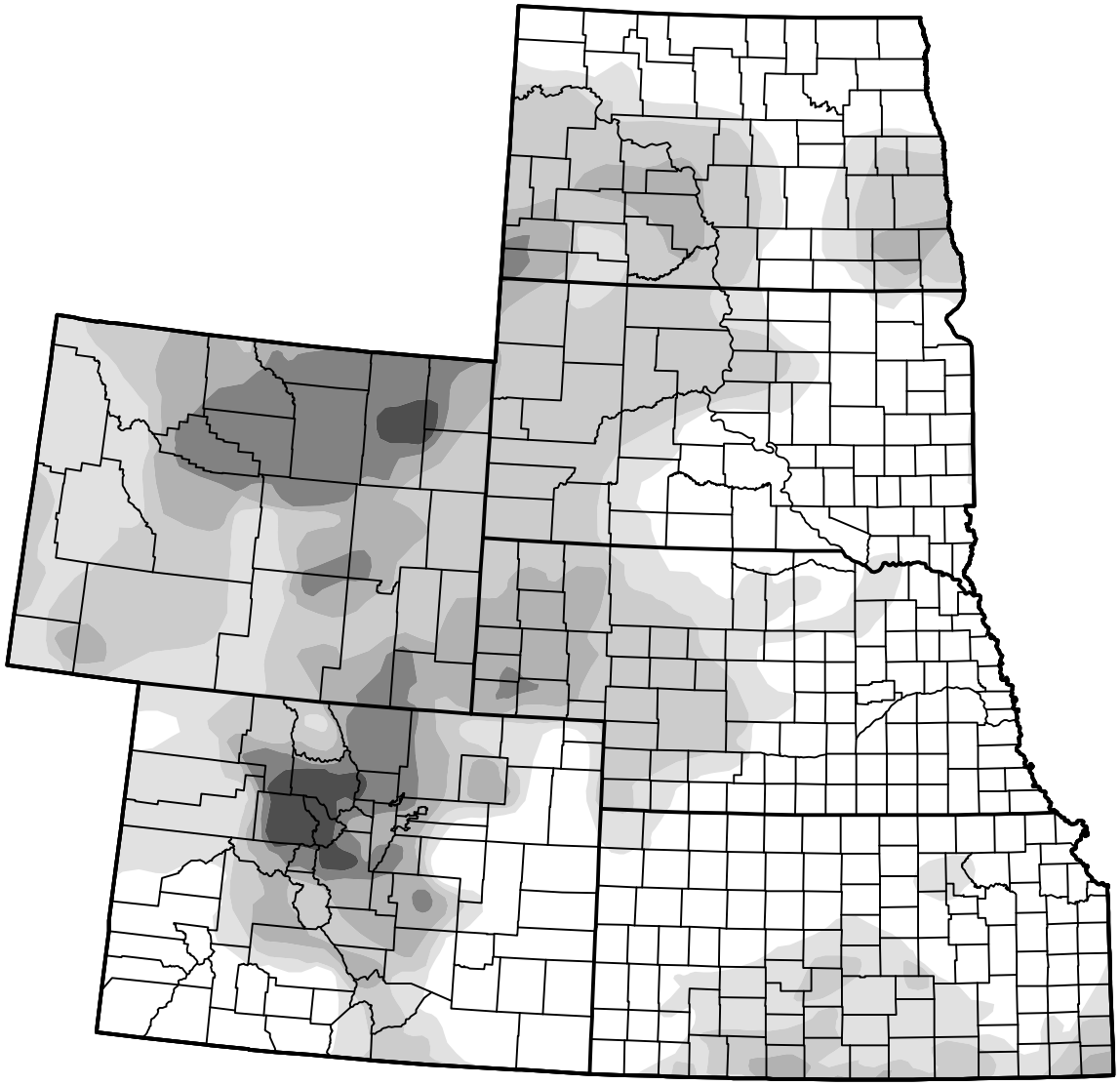
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# High Plains



## November 17, 2026

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**Valid 7 a.m. EST**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 39.87 | 18.41 | 24.08 | 10.79 | 5.78 | 1.07 |
| **Last Week** *11-10-2026* | 40.05 | 18.58 | 23.43 | 12.16 | 4.98 | 0.80 |
| **3 Months Ago** *08-18-2026* | 9.84 | 12.90 | 27.56 | 28.38 | 18.28 | 3.05 |
| **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** *11-18-2025* | 55.63 | 24.43 | 12.62 | 6.00 | 1.32 | 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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