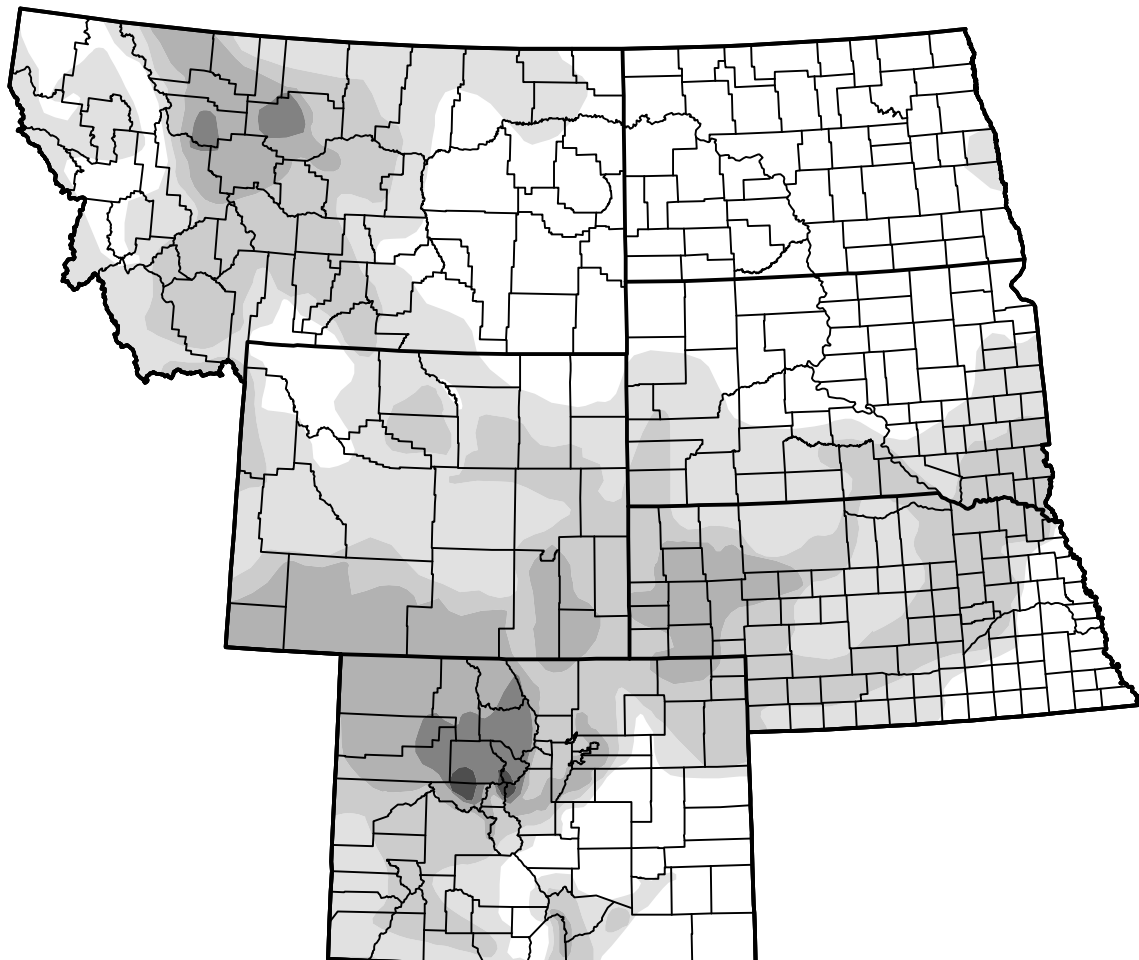


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.11	27.18	22.58	10.47	1.52	0.15
Last Week <i>01-27-2026</i>	41.29	27.85	19.67	9.79	1.25	0.15
3 Months Ago <i>11-04-2025</i>	51.58	20.17	13.80	12.94	1.51	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>02-04-2025</i>	16.71	19.36	31.27	24.77	7.89	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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