

# U.S. Drought Monitor

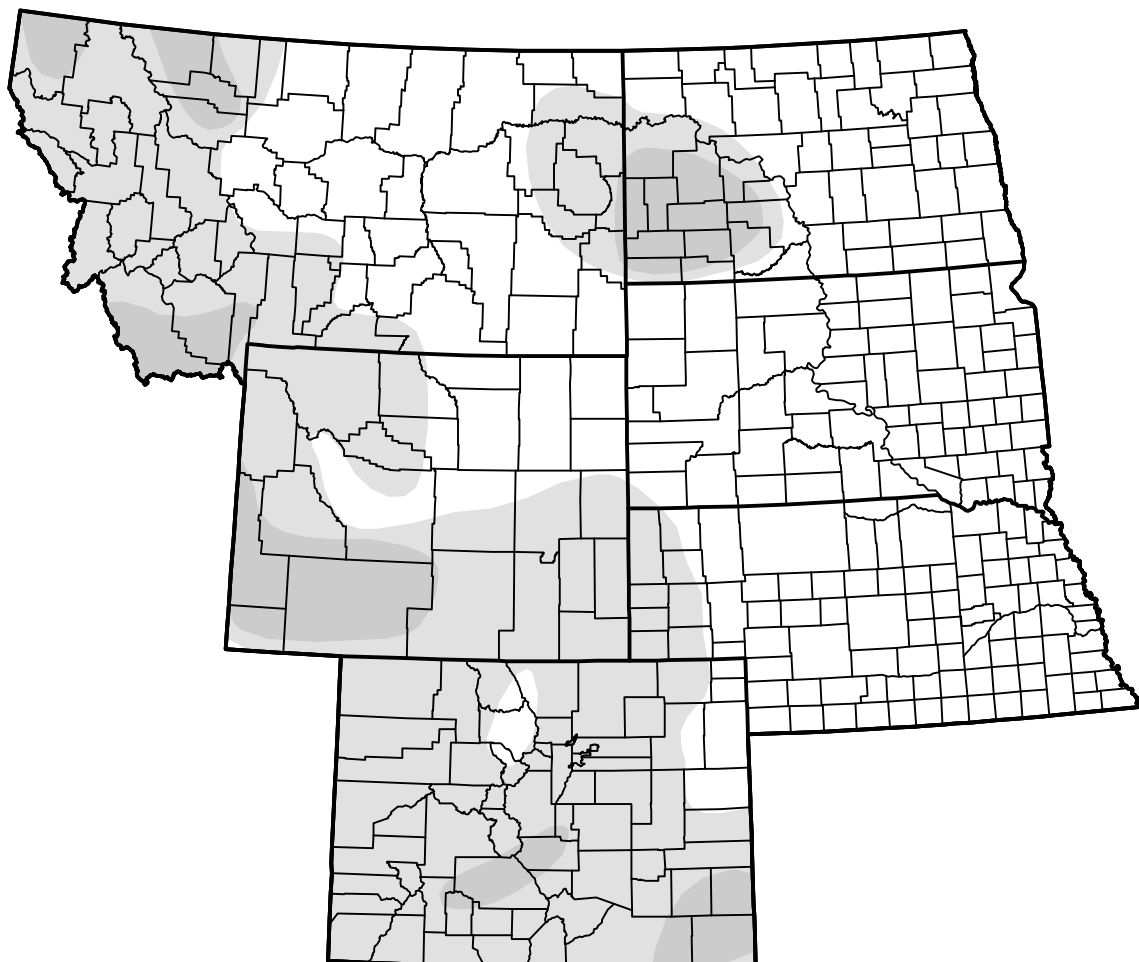
## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 16, 2008**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	53.48	37.11	9.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-09-2008</i>	56.59	34.23	9.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-16-2008</i>	43.04	43.31	8.34	3.60	1.72	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2008</i>	32.44	26.52	23.79	17.01	0.23	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	56.54	31.43	8.04	2.27	1.72	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2007</i>	32.44	26.66	23.55	17.12	0.23	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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