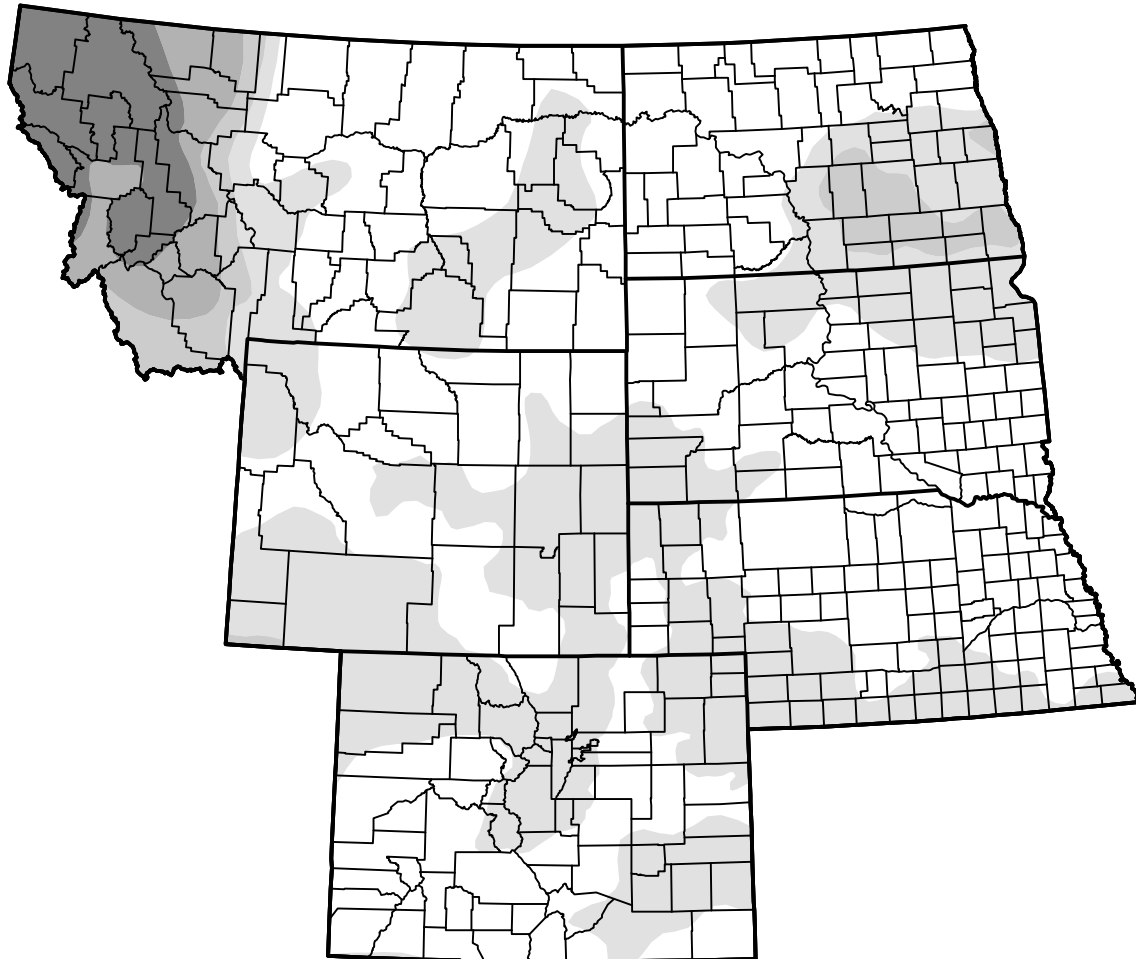


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**October 20, 2015**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	54.59	34.71	3.54	2.82	4.33	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-13-2015</i>	63.74	27.16	1.90	2.87	4.33	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-21-2015</i>	74.57	14.50	4.29	3.16	3.48	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	75.26	20.10	2.42	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	63.29	26.84	2.49	3.04	4.33	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-21-2014</i>	89.89	6.02	1.87	2.22	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***



*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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