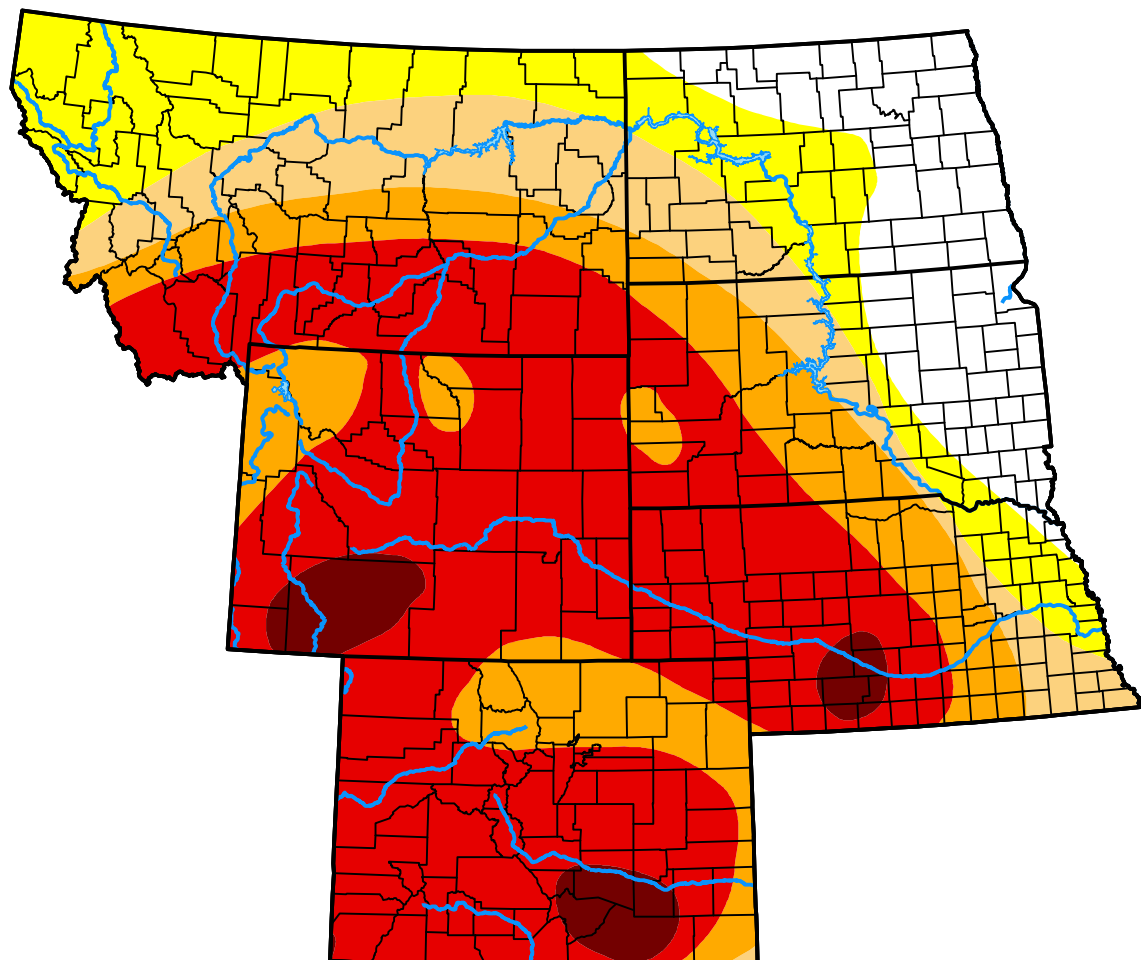


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.86	14.64	11.38	17.07	42.30	3.75
Last Week <i>10-22-2002</i>	10.96	14.12	11.67	16.86	42.60	3.79
3 Months Ago <i>07-30-2002</i>	8.40	9.86	10.84	14.00	42.92	13.99
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	29.07	26.52	12.36	14.72	17.34	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	14.42	11.03	13.66	36.71	9.48
One Year Ago <i>10-30-2001</i>	29.82	35.22	6.02	9.40	19.53	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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