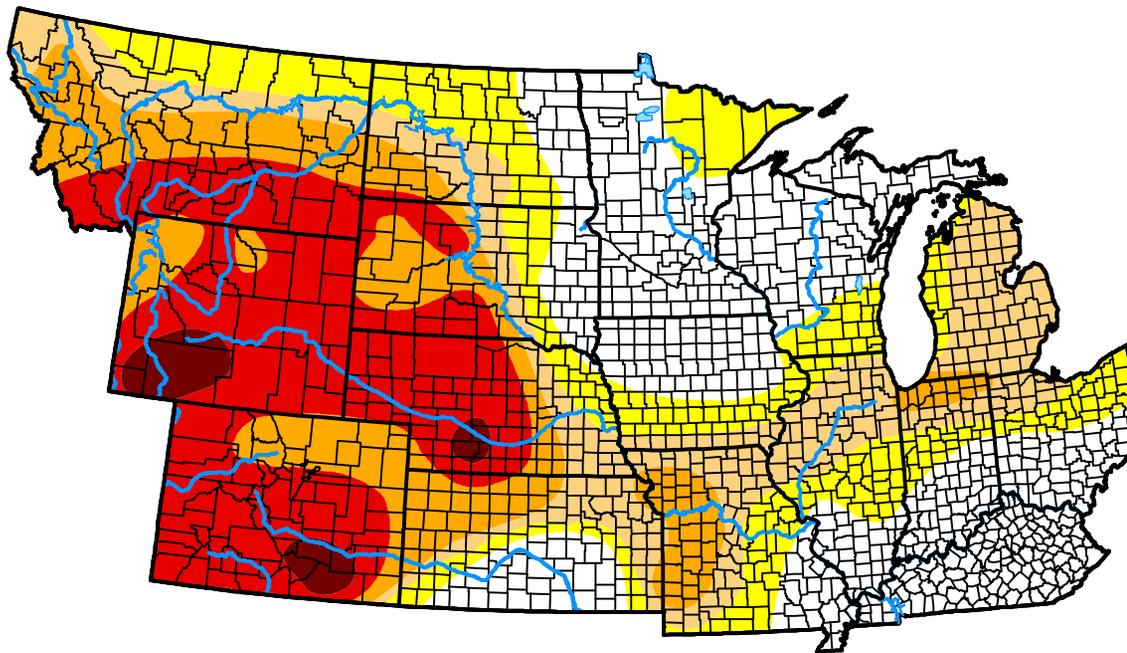


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	28.64	71.36	54.49	39.15	23.71	2.09
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-10-2002</i>	29.50	70.50	52.90	38.58	23.24	2.06
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-17-2002</i>	36.55	63.45	51.49	36.06	24.93	5.63
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	56.84	43.16	25.30	15.98	8.62	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	32.21	67.79	47.24	34.65	24.49	5.06
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2001</i>	59.62	40.38	23.97	15.98	8.84	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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