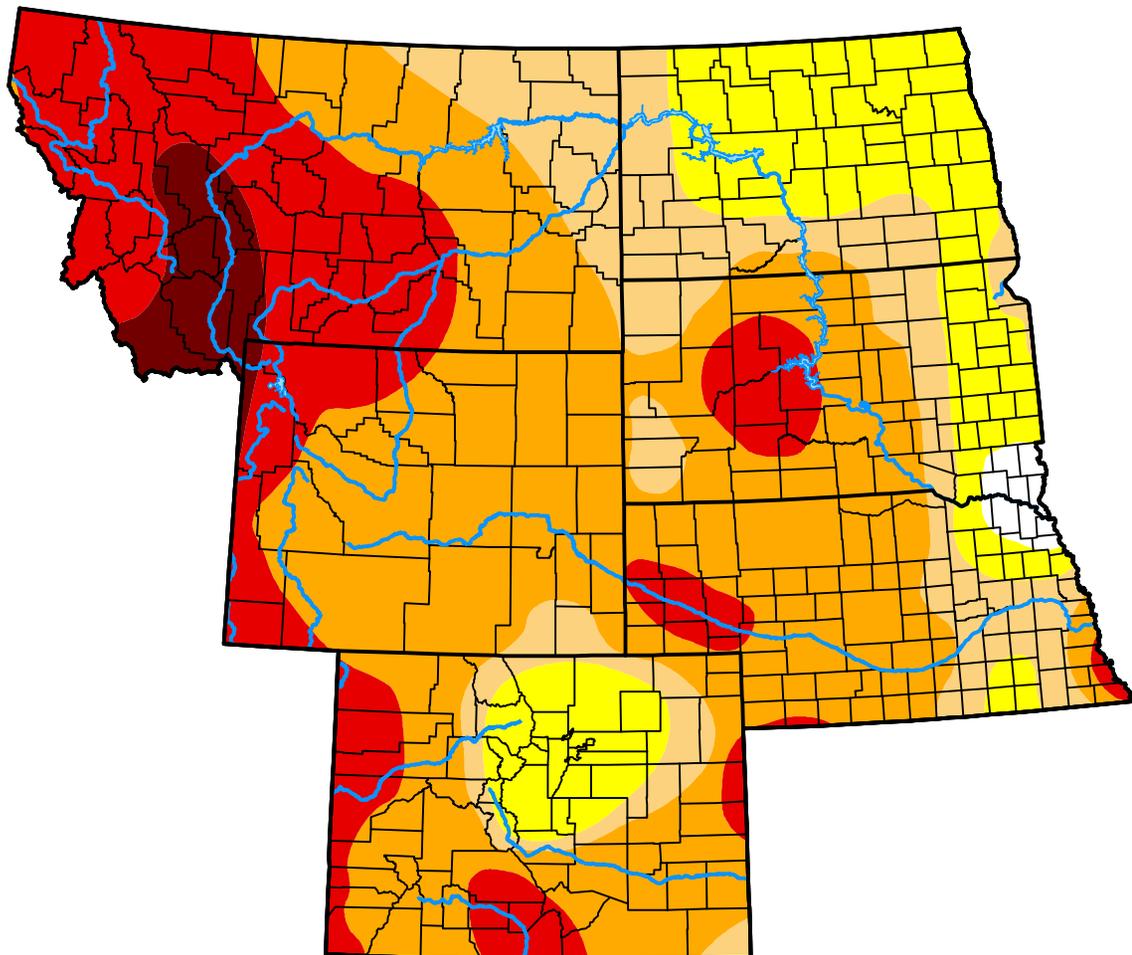


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.87	15.04	16.15	43.18	21.39	3.38
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-14-2003</i>	0.81	14.76	16.95	42.25	21.79	3.43
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-22-2003</i>	18.66	12.12	20.14	26.11	20.79	2.18
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-22-2002</i>	10.96	14.12	11.67	16.86	42.60	3.79

***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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