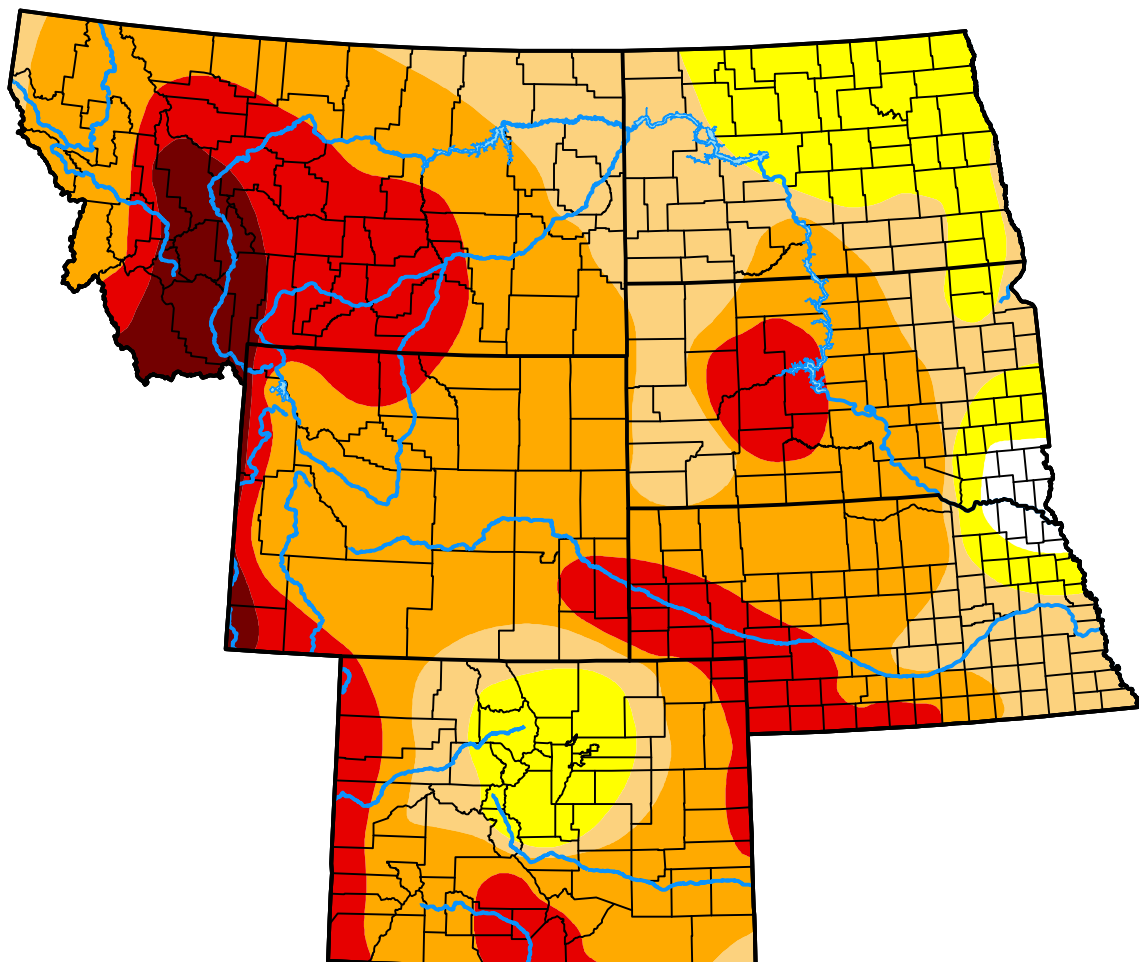


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.01	12.11	20.39	43.94	18.63	3.92
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	0.96	13.83	18.91	45.07	17.36	3.87
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	0.81	15.01	21.30	36.42	22.15	4.31
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	5.70	13.22	10.79	22.88	43.21	4.21

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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