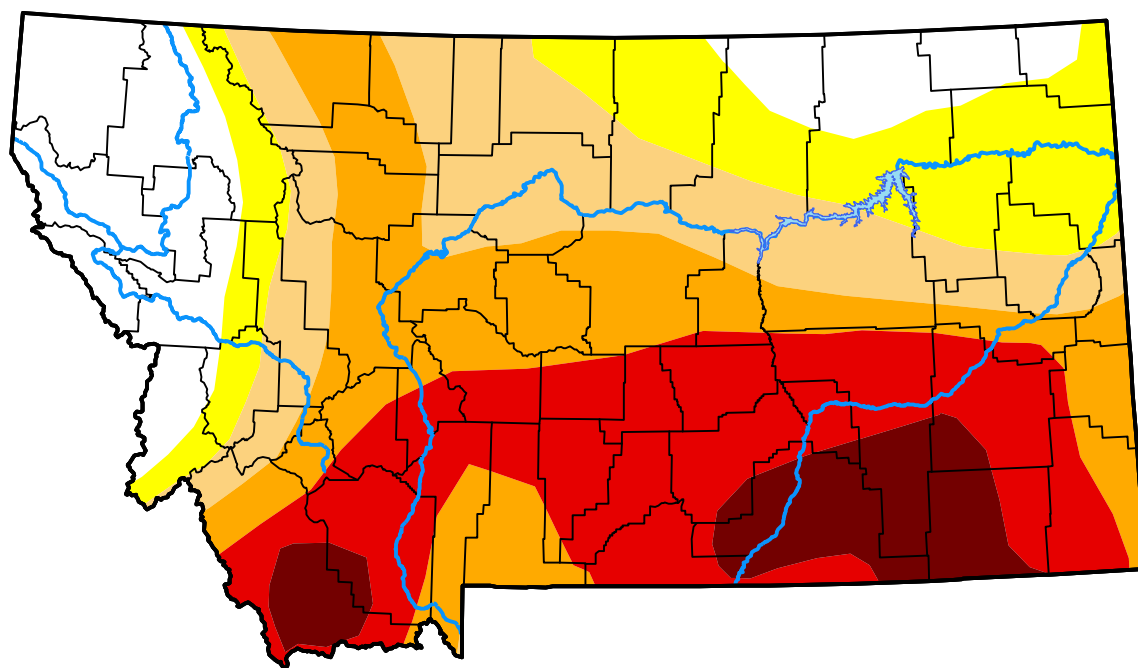


# U.S. Drought Monitor Montana

**September 21, 2004**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 15.79 | 14.72 | 17.81 | 21.08 | 22.84 | 7.76  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-16-2004</i>              | 13.51 | 13.23 | 17.94 | 24.72 | 22.09 | 8.51  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-24-2004</i>           | 12.95 | 10.07 | 14.96 | 28.29 | 26.44 | 7.30  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2003</i> | 0.00  | 3.04  | 20.22 | 36.71 | 26.82 | 13.21 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2003</i>    | 0.00  | 3.17  | 15.47 | 21.34 | 47.19 | 12.83 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-25-2003</i>           | 0.00  | 3.44  | 15.39 | 21.55 | 46.76 | 12.85 |

**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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