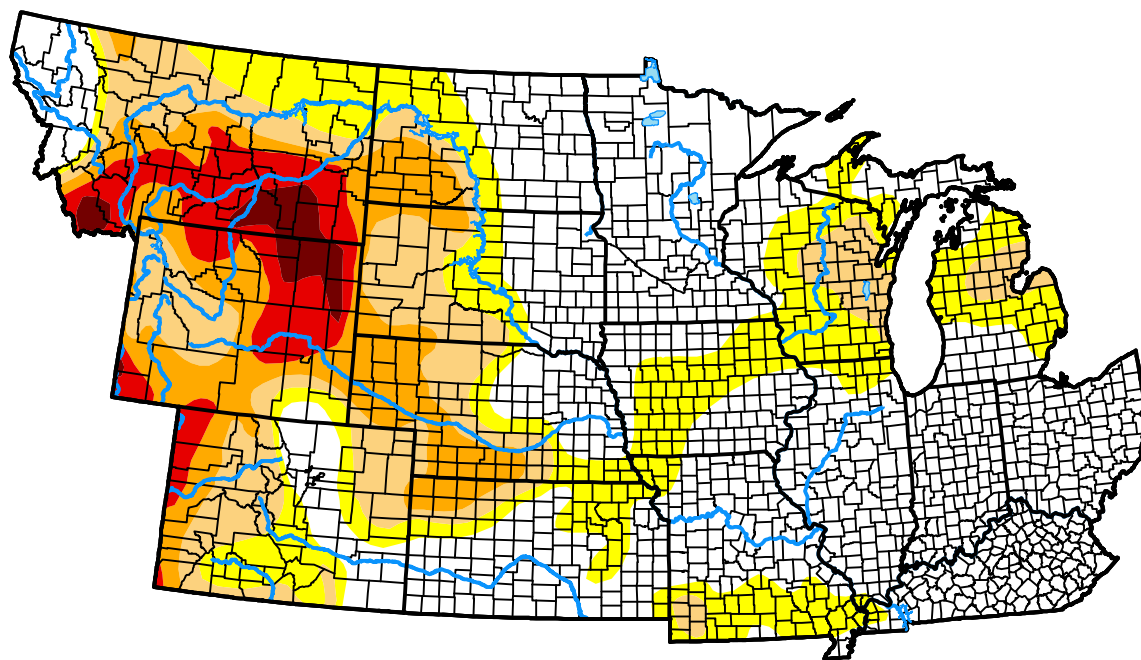


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 48.53 | 19.03 | 14.72 | 10.59 | 5.57  | 1.56 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-19-2004</i>              | 46.97 | 20.16 | 15.12 | 10.51 | 5.66  | 1.58 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-27-2004</i>           | 55.09 | 10.06 | 10.34 | 14.07 | 8.04  | 2.40 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2003</i> | 29.11 | 14.43 | 16.31 | 25.84 | 12.50 | 1.80 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>    | 50.74 | 18.13 | 11.63 | 11.46 | 6.38  | 1.66 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-28-2003</i>           | 22.04 | 15.44 | 19.44 | 27.22 | 14.15 | 1.71 |

**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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