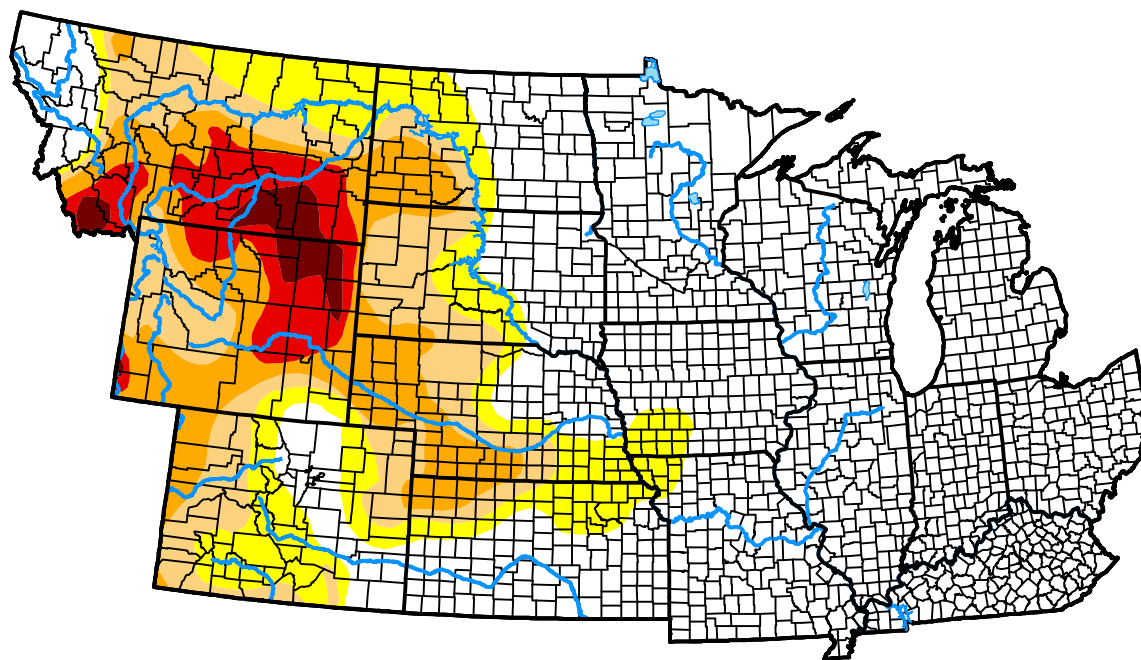


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 59.22 | 11.92 | 12.32 | 10.36 | 4.62  | 1.56 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-30-2004</i>              | 57.40 | 13.88 | 12.18 | 10.36 | 4.62  | 1.56 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-07-2004</i>           | 57.88 | 9.81  | 11.32 | 12.02 | 6.98  | 1.99 |
| <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>12-09-2003</i>           | 26.46 | 14.22 | 19.08 | 26.37 | 11.95 | 1.92 |

## 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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