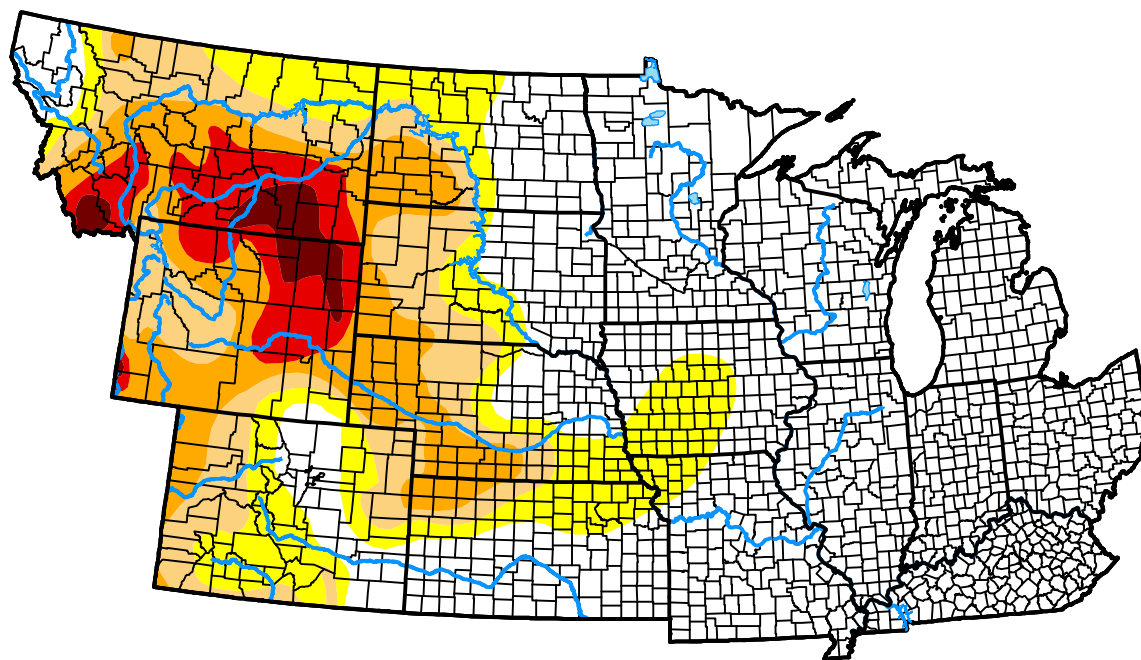


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.53	13.55	12.08	11.30	4.92	1.62
Last Week 12-14-2004	58.94	11.79	12.74	10.35	4.62	1.56
3 Months Ago 09-21-2004	55.15	13.60	11.32	11.86	6.41	1.66
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2003	29.11	14.43	16.31	25.84	12.50	1.80
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	50.74	18.13	11.63	11.46	6.38	1.66
One Year Ago 12-23-2003	28.52	13.23	18.42	25.92	12.04	1.87

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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