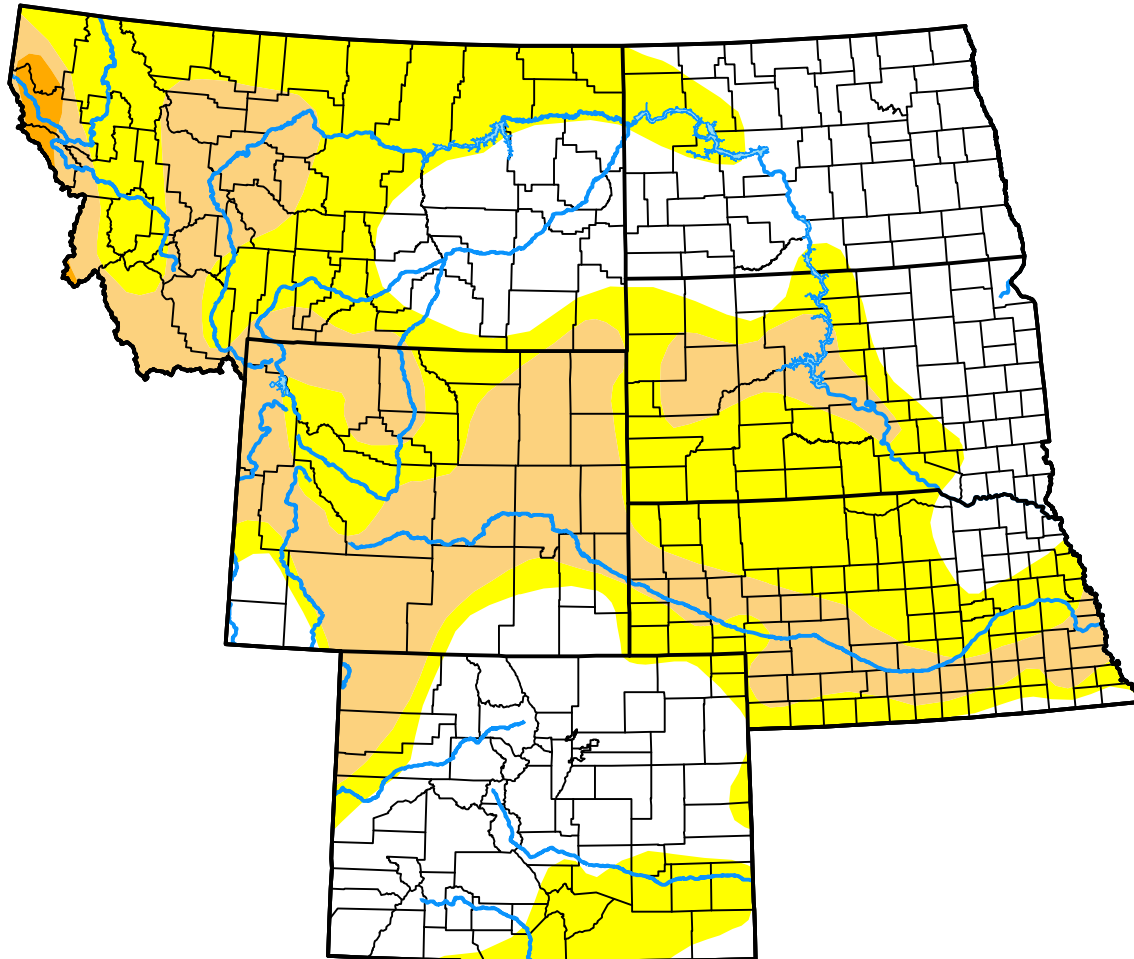


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.55	61.45	25.02	0.49	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-11-2005</i>	36.97	63.03	27.90	2.42	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2005</i>	34.54	65.46	37.78	16.17	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	21.51	78.49	58.40	35.73	13.88	3.27
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	30.88	69.12	34.37	9.35	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2004</i>	23.87	76.13	59.33	34.75	14.57	3.19

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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