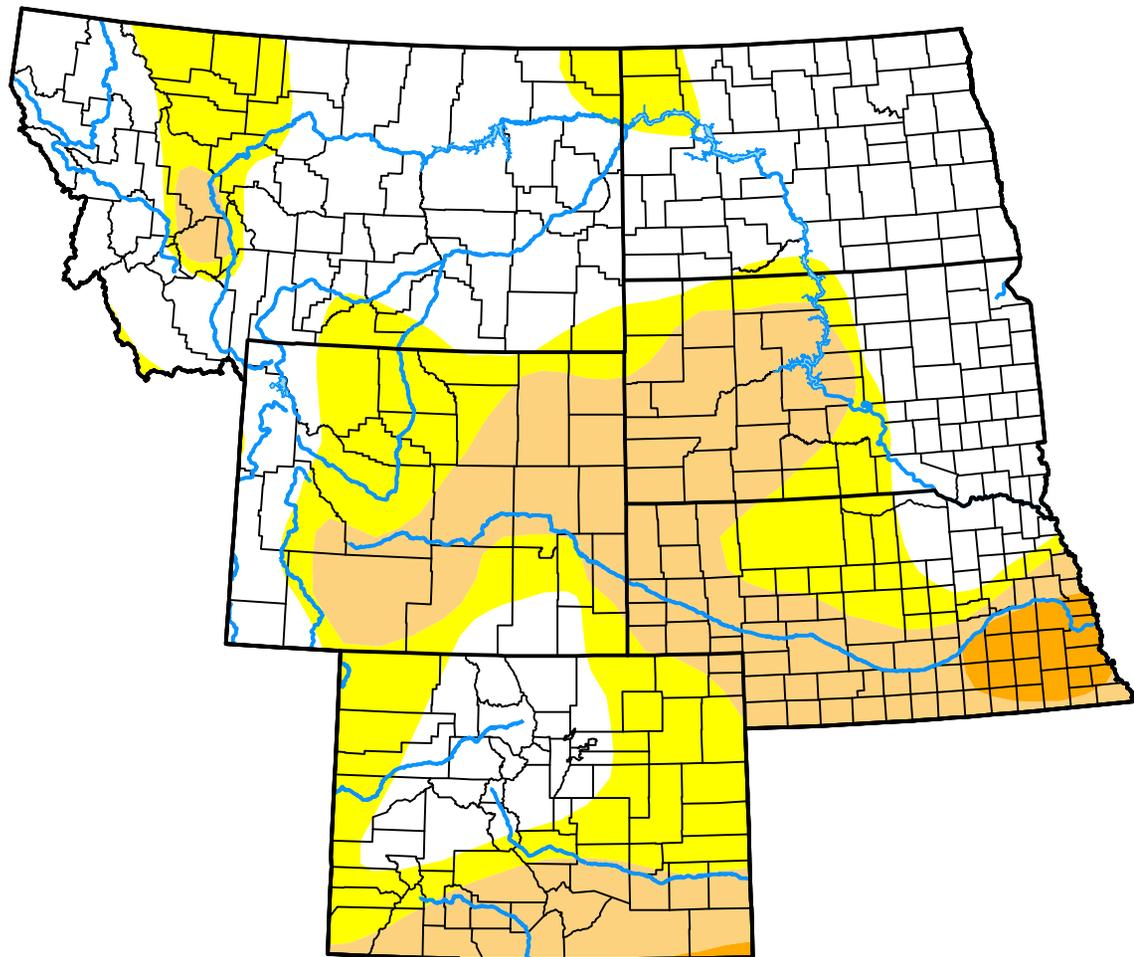


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 47.96 | 26.29 | 23.92 | 1.83  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-28-2006</i>              | 47.26 | 25.98 | 25.03 | 1.73  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2005</i>           | 54.90 | 24.35 | 20.72 | 0.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 49.75 | 29.62 | 20.60 | 0.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 30.88 | 34.75 | 25.01 | 9.35  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-08-2005</i>           | 14.78 | 20.74 | 17.71 | 24.29 | 16.03 | 6.46 |

***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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