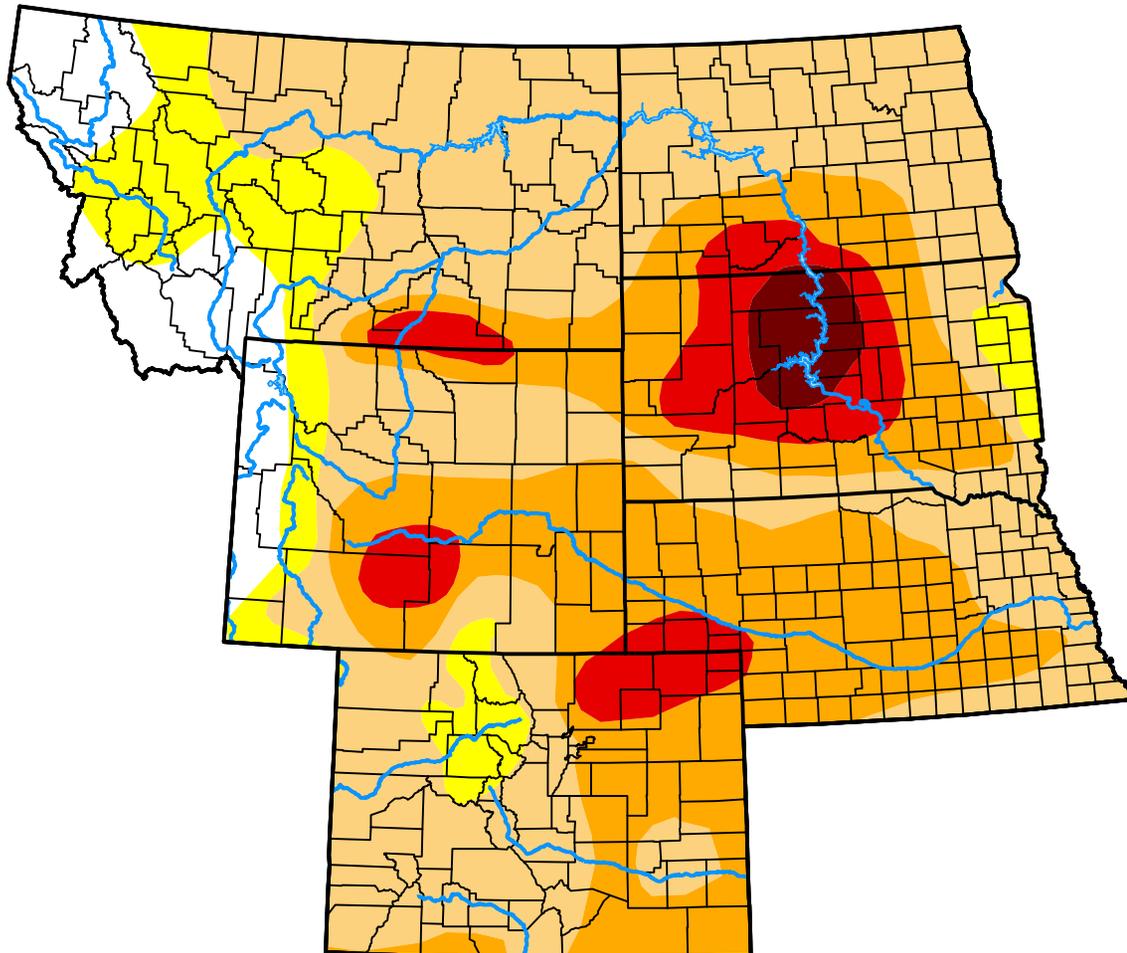


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 7.19 | 92.81 | 82.89 | 38.28 | 9.75 | 1.89 |
| Last Week <i>07-11-2006</i> | 10.50 | 89.50 | 57.94 | 20.36 | 3.79 | 0.70 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>04-18-2006</i> | 49.34 | 50.66 | 24.98 | 2.76 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i> | 49.75 | 50.25 | 20.63 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 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>07-19-2005</i> | 34.54 | 65.46 | 37.78 | 16.17 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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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