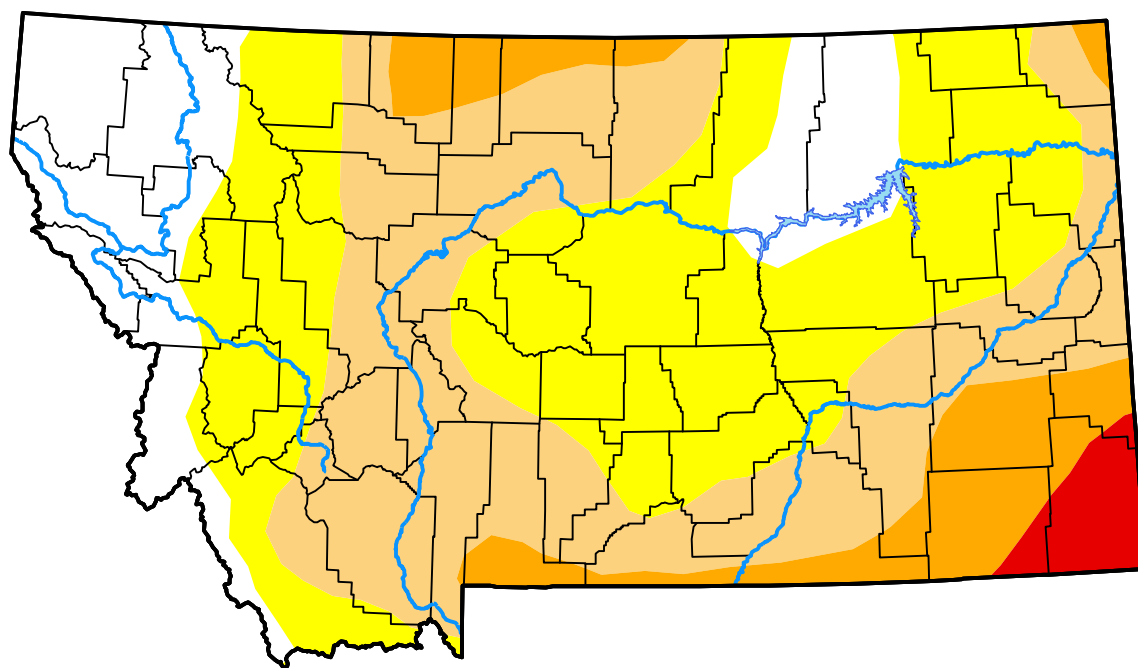


# U.S. Drought Monitor Montana

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 16.72 | 37.74 | 33.37 | 9.82  | 2.35 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-07-2006</i>              | 13.61 | 30.44 | 42.66 | 10.94 | 2.35 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-14-2006</i>           | 0.00  | 8.96  | 46.50 | 34.89 | 9.65 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2006</i> | 66.39 | 21.71 | 11.90 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2006</i>    | 0.00  | 2.08  | 37.44 | 57.12 | 3.36 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-15-2005</i>           | 78.50 | 15.28 | 6.22  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |

**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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