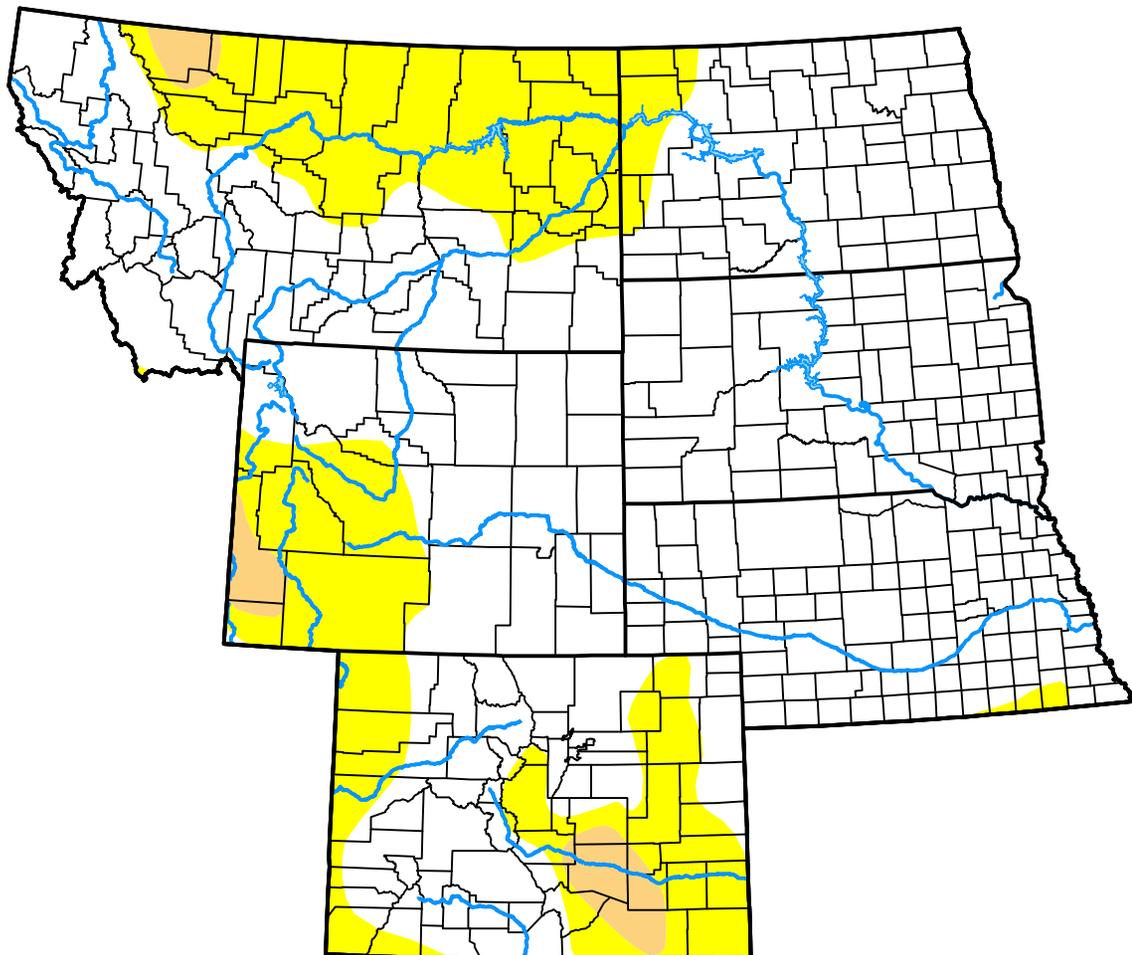


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	74.25	23.45	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-14-2009</i>	69.54	26.36	4.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-20-2009</i>	67.97	25.58	6.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.97	36.48	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	56.54	31.43	8.04	2.27	1.72	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-22-2008</i>	35.65	23.03	24.33	13.13	3.86	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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