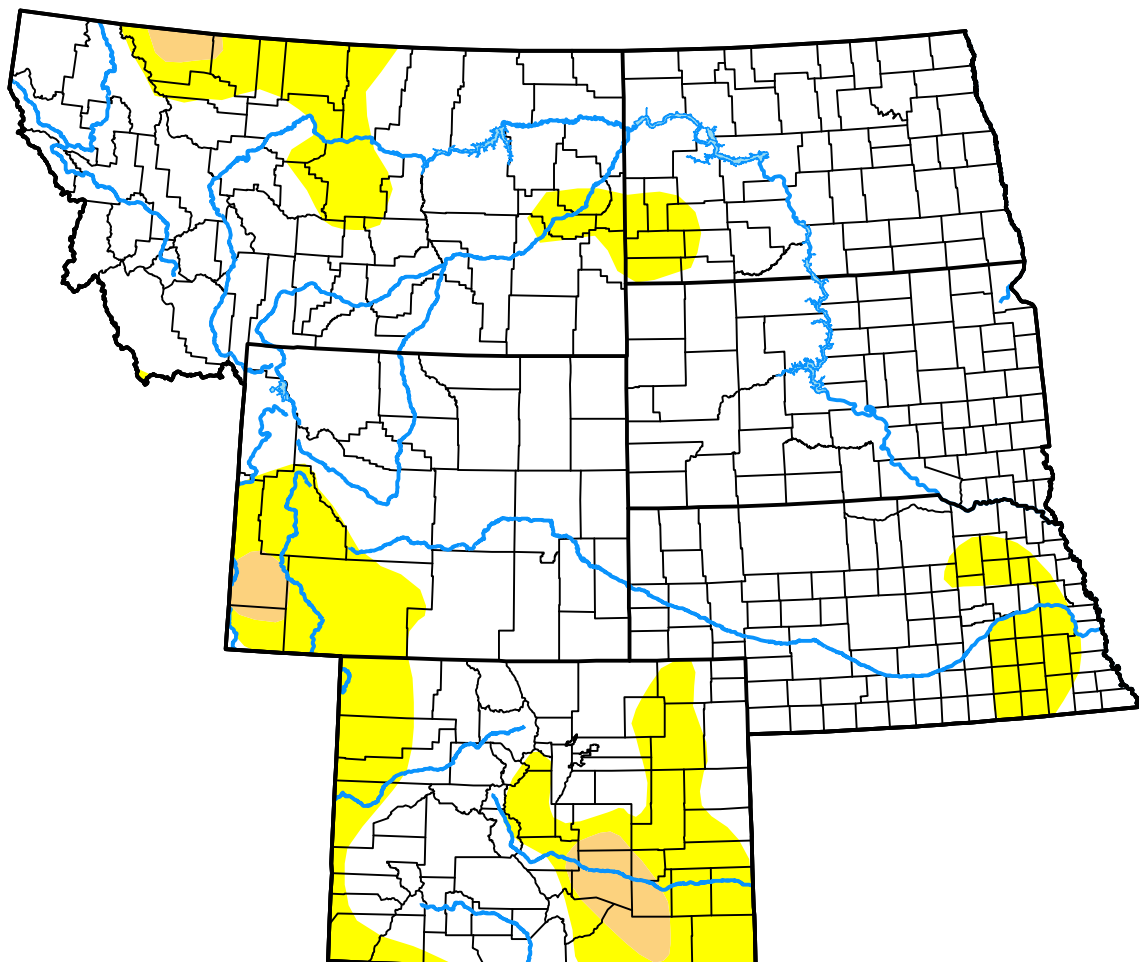


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	81.36	16.69	1.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-28-2009</i>	70.67	27.04	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-03-2009</i>	68.38	25.21	6.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.97	36.48	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	56.54	31.43	8.04	2.27	1.72	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-06-2008</i>	37.84	23.66	24.88	9.76	3.86	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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