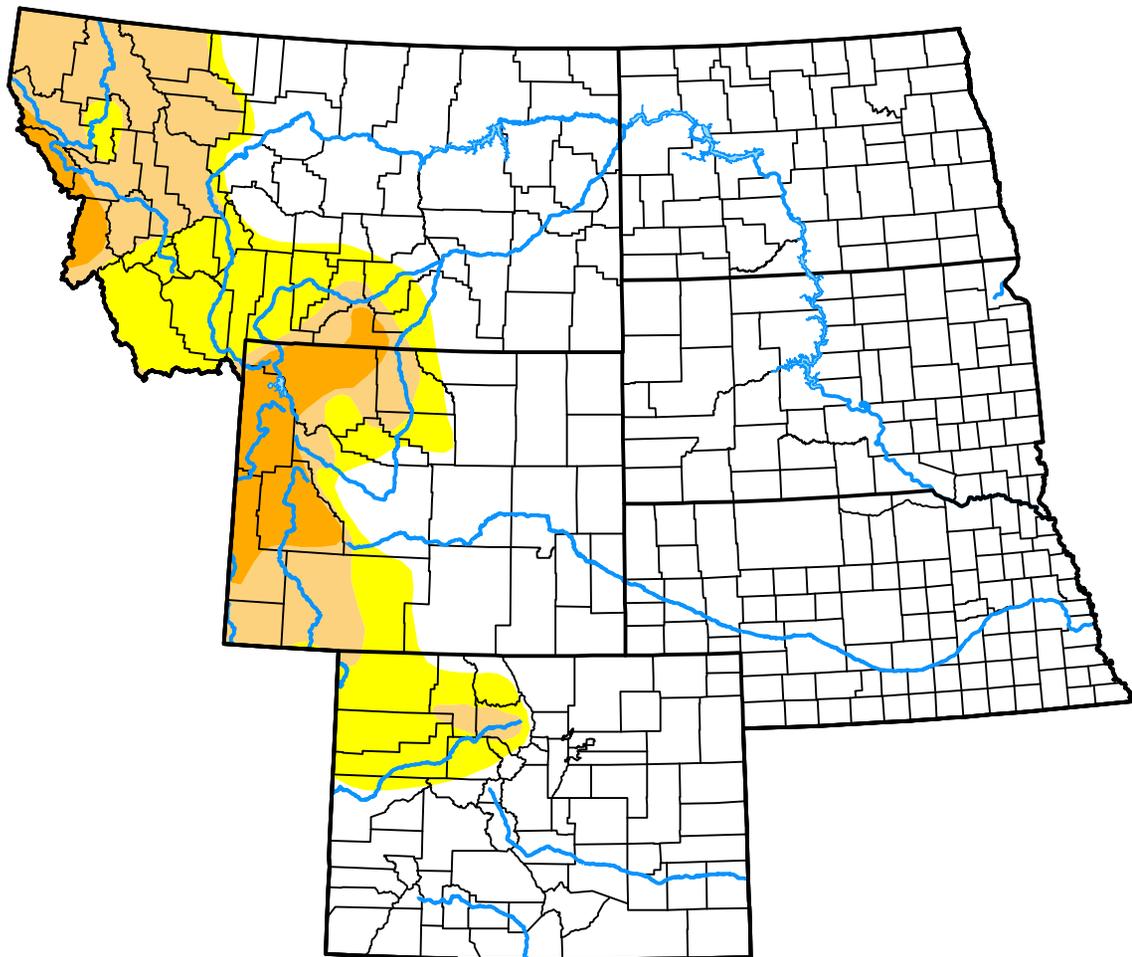


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 78.06 | 9.83  | 8.71 | 3.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-11-2010</i>              | 74.69 | 11.84 | 9.89 | 3.59 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-16-2010</i>           | 66.53 | 24.09 | 9.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2009</i> | 78.67 | 19.96 | 1.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2009</i>    | 76.34 | 22.27 | 1.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-19-2009</i>           | 83.74 | 14.18 | 2.07 | 0.00 | 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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