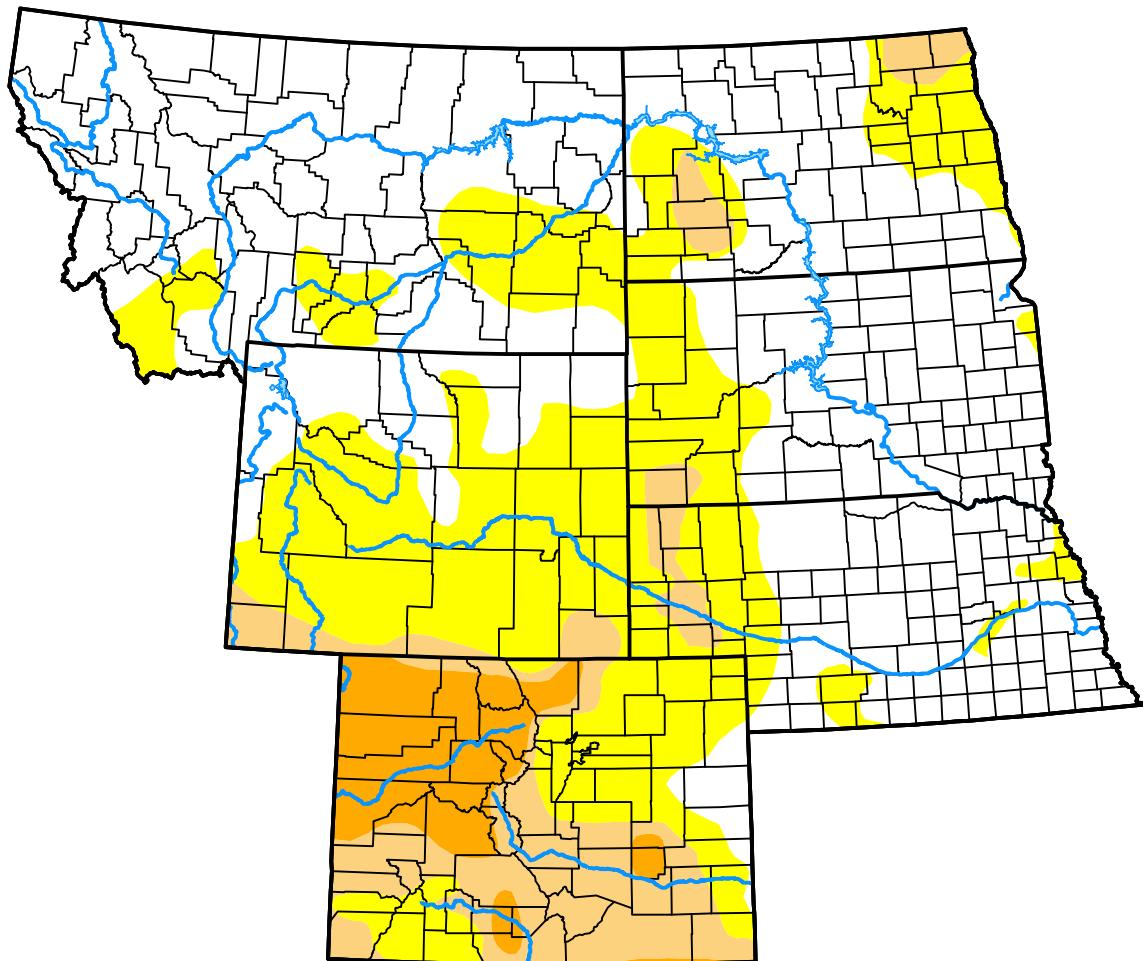


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.50	45.50	15.08	5.18	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-08-2012	56.47	43.53	14.58	5.35	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-14-2012	56.82	43.18	13.40	2.66	0.04	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	73.09	26.91	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
One Year Ago 05-17-2011	87.96	12.04	8.18	5.64	1.36	0.06

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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