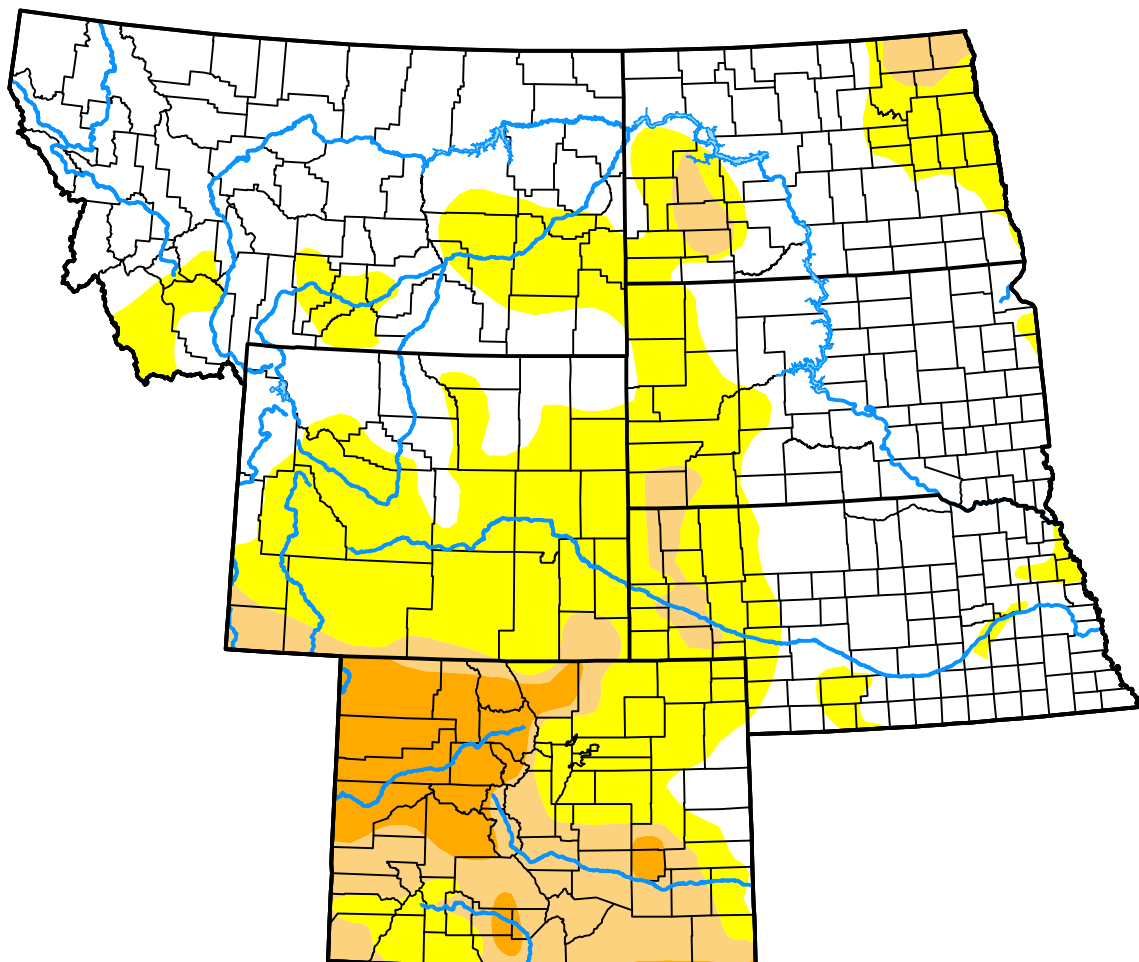


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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