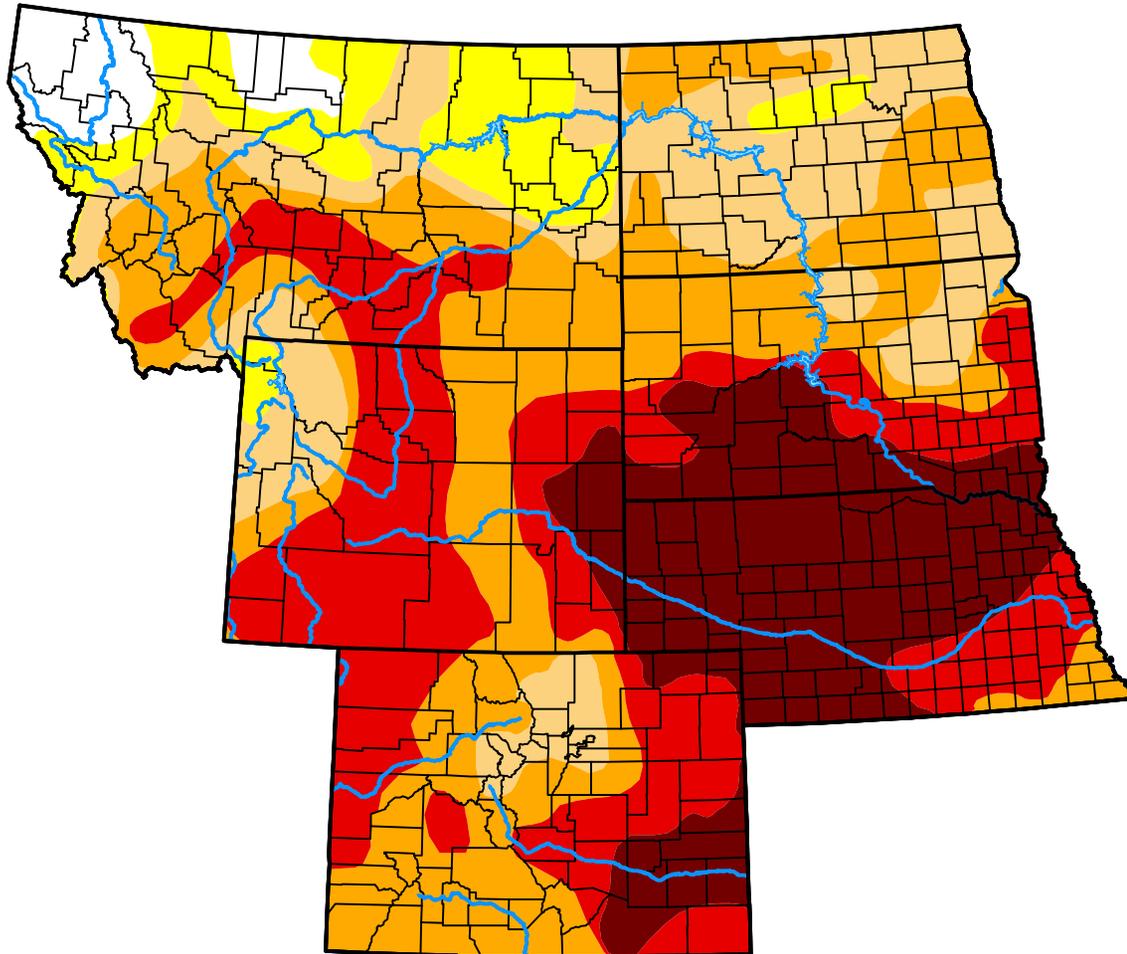


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**October 23, 2012**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	3.40	7.73	17.59	28.07	24.54	18.66
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-16-2012</i>	3.34	7.30	18.29	29.87	22.55	18.66
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-24-2012</i>	12.24	16.06	13.30	29.33	28.18	0.89
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	21.72	7.03	2.29	0.01	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	4.80	5.77	21.95	24.71	28.48	14.29
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-25-2011</i>	84.60	8.84	2.93	2.46	1.07	0.10

***Intensity:***



*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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