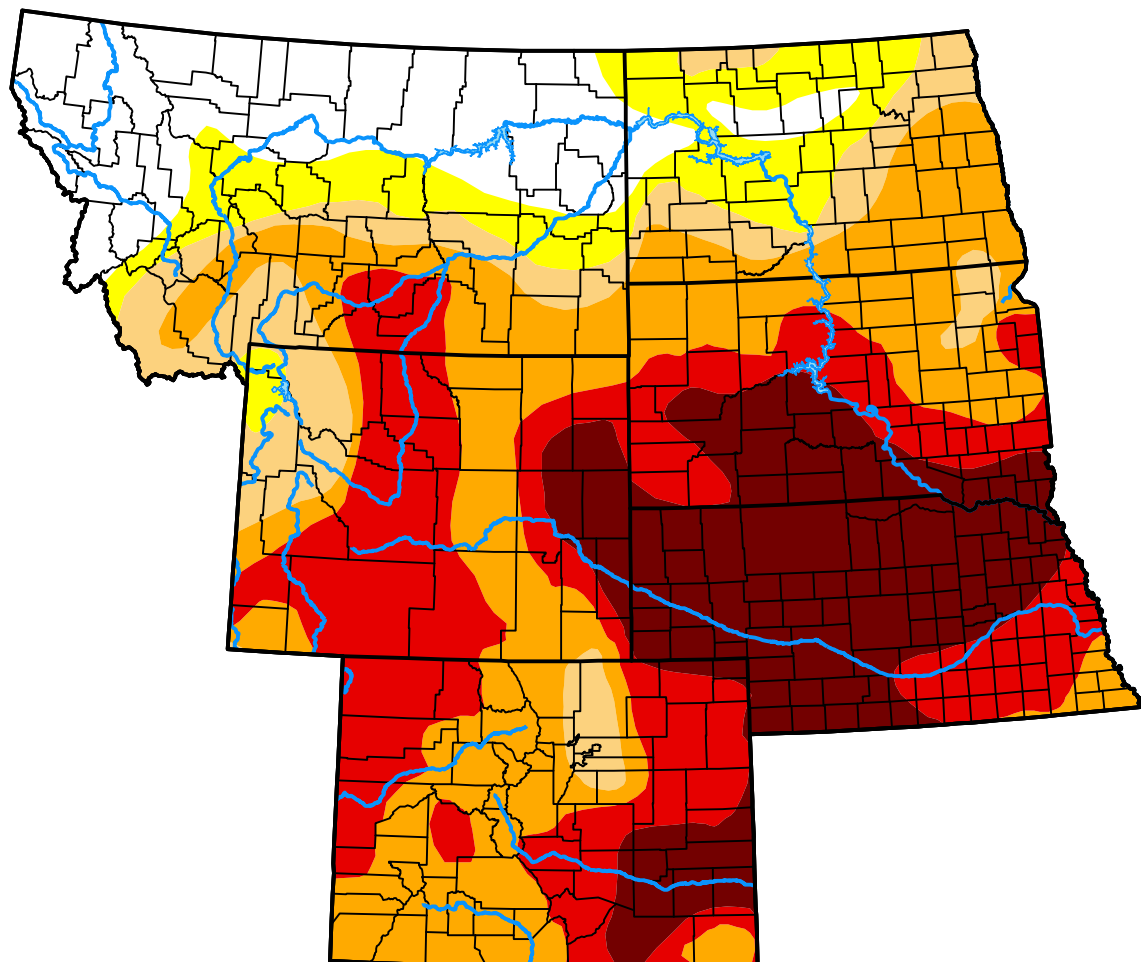


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	13.77	8.87	9.93	25.62	23.09	18.72
Last Week <i>11-27-2012</i>	12.68	9.27	10.68	26.00	22.83	18.55
3 Months Ago <i>09-04-2012</i>	5.90	10.99	17.32	23.26	29.44	13.09
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	21.72	7.03	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	4.80	5.77	21.95	24.71	28.48	14.29
One Year Ago <i>12-06-2011</i>	77.33	13.84	5.16	3.44	0.21	0.03

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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