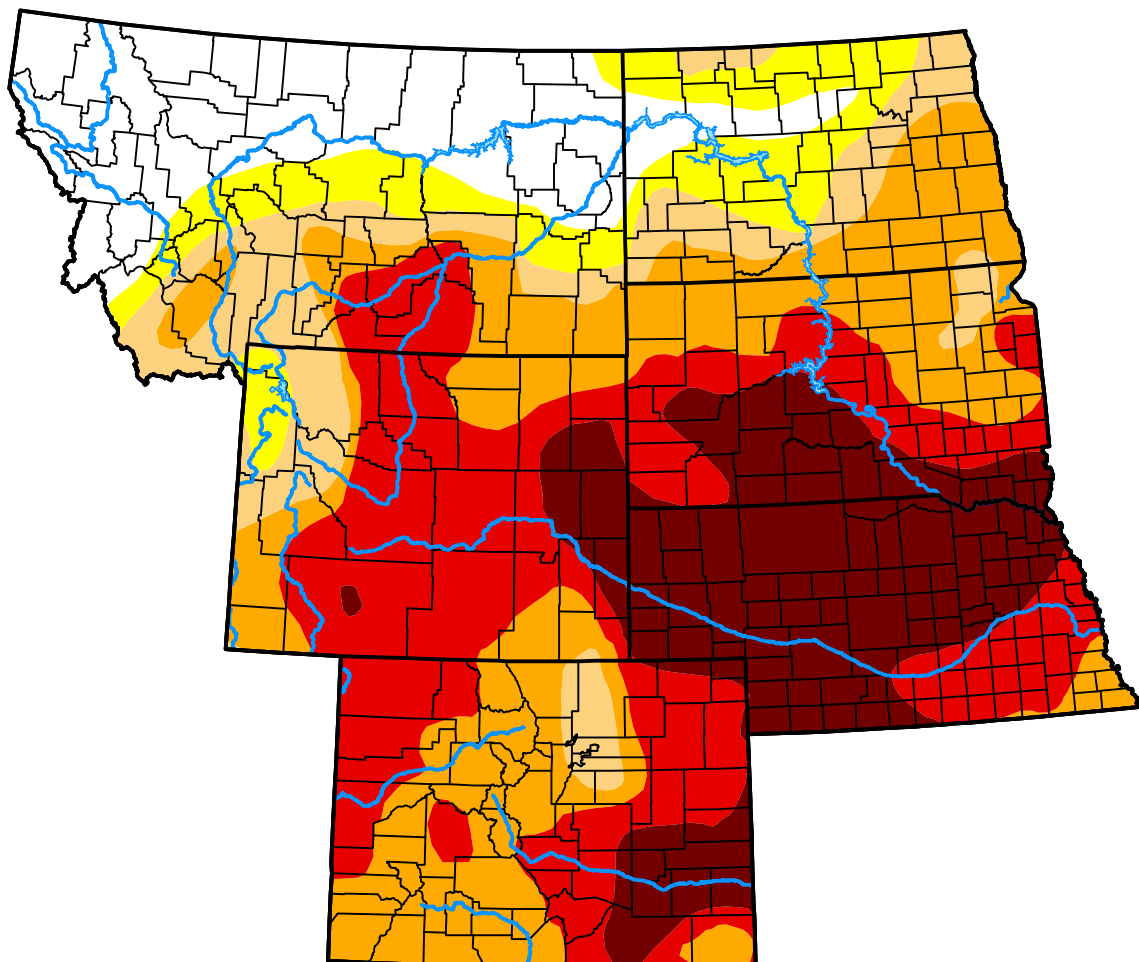


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



December 18, 2012
(Released Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012)
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.83	8.30	9.89	23.13	25.06	18.79
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	15.09	8.46	10.26	24.38	23.09	18.72
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	5.06	7.48	20.88	24.39	28.47	13.72
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>12-20-2011</i>	73.46	17.22	6.24	3.07	0.01	0.00

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>

Author:

Brian Fuchs
 National Drought Mitigation Center



droughtmonitor.unl.edu