

# 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>                              | 62.55 | 37.45 | 12.56 | 1.35  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>05-12-2015              | 49.86 | 50.14 | 21.11 | 4.13  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>02-17-2015           | 64.49 | 35.51 | 12.35 | 2.21  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-30-2014 | 75.26 | 24.74 | 4.64  | 2.22  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-30-2014    | 90.80 | 9.20  | 4.48  | 2.51  | 0.42  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>05-20-2014           | 76.05 | 23.95 | 15.51 | 6.76  | 2.95  | 0.35 |

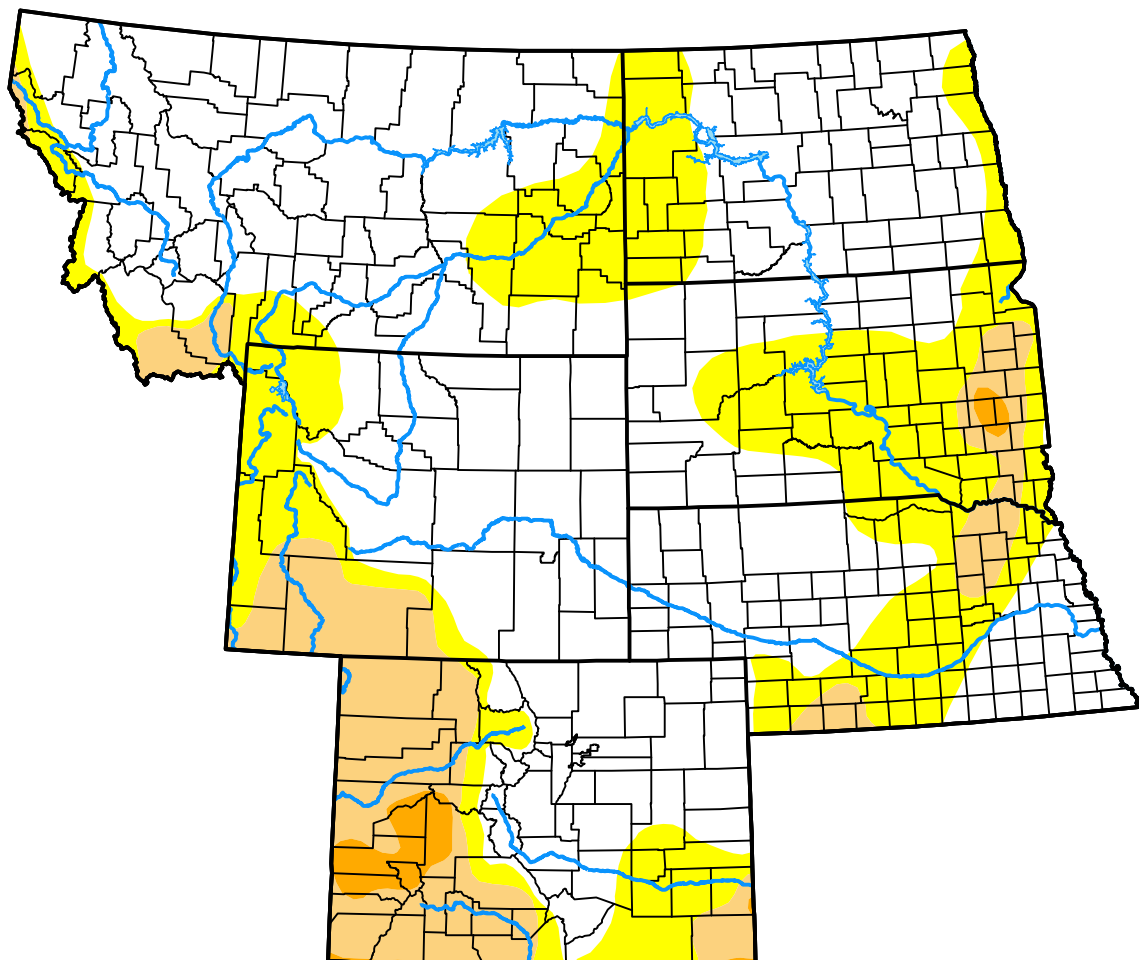
### Intensity:

|   |                     |   |                        |
|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|
|    | 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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