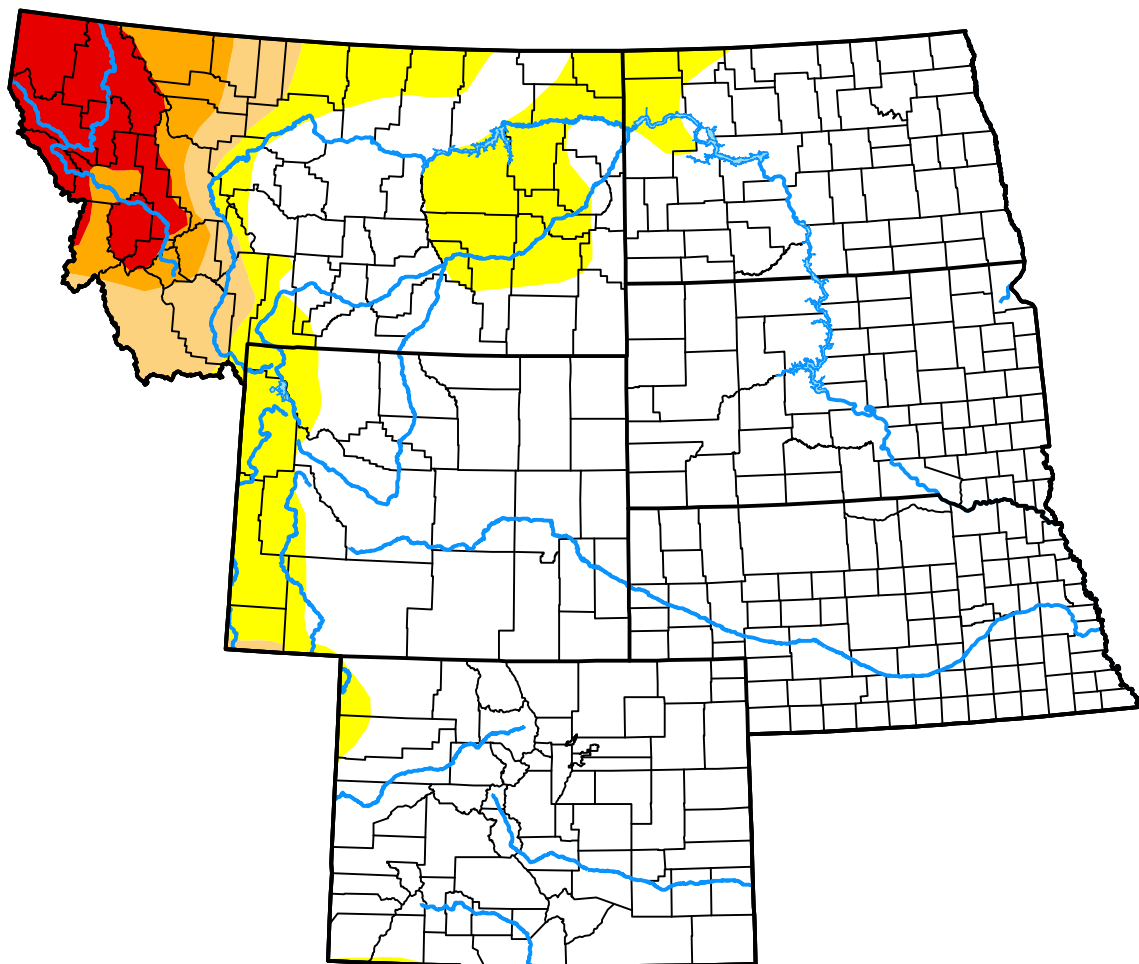


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	79.41	11.36	3.21	2.34	3.68	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-11-2015</i>	78.83	11.94	3.21	2.34	3.68	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-19-2015</i>	62.55	24.89	11.21	1.35	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	75.26	20.10	2.42	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2014</i>	90.80	4.72	1.97	2.09	0.42	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-19-2014</i>	77.39	15.67	4.10	2.34	0.49	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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