

# U.S. Drought Monitor

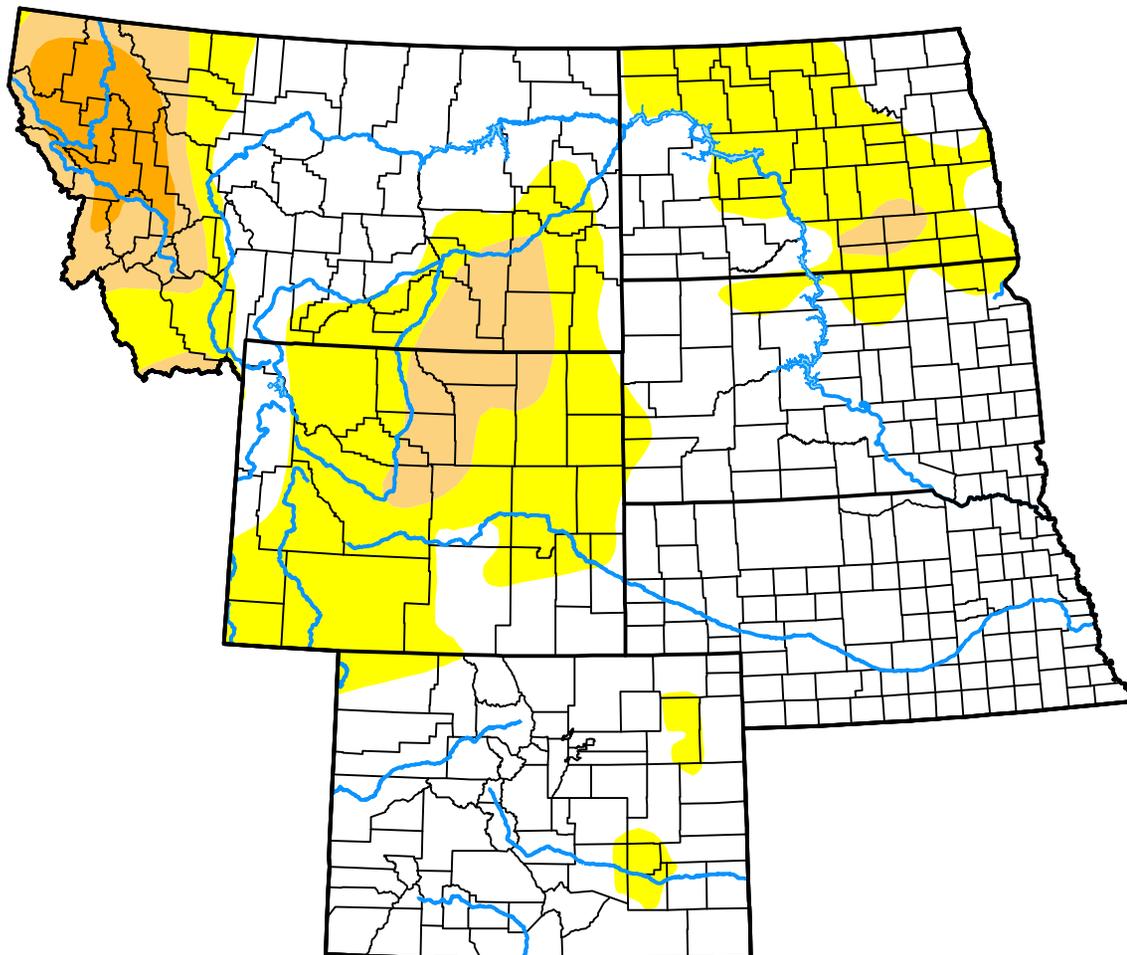
## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	63.31	36.69	10.25	2.63	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-09-2016</i>	63.84	36.16	10.25	3.24	0.91	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-17-2015</i>	60.76	39.24	10.21	6.68	1.44	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	68.34	31.66	9.32	5.37	0.91	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	63.29	36.71	9.86	7.37	4.33	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-17-2015</i>	64.49	35.51	12.35	2.21	0.00	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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