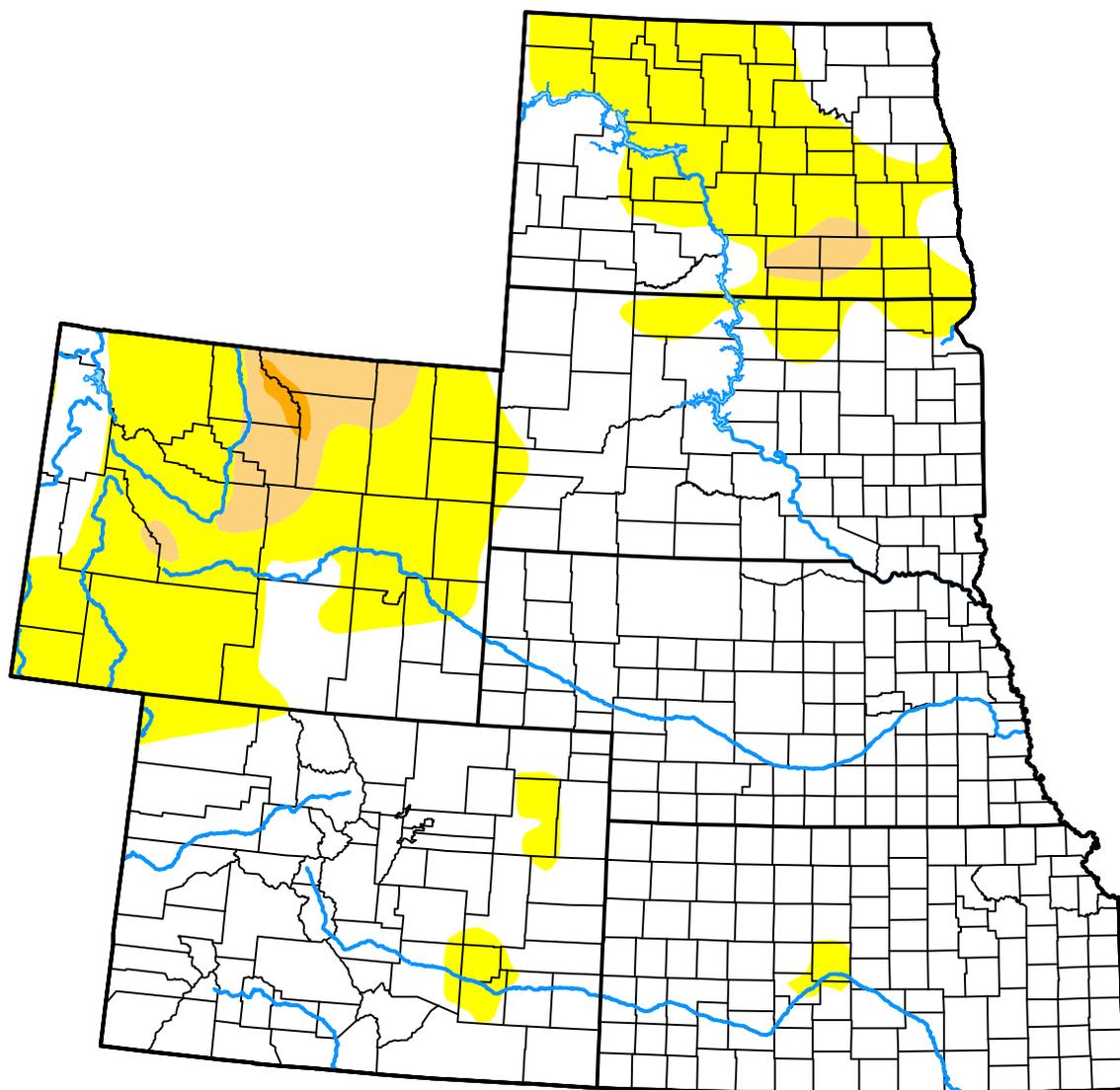


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**February 23, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	73.57	26.43	3.03	0.23	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-16-2016</i>	73.50	26.50	2.97	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-24-2015</i>	64.31	35.69	3.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	78.82	21.18	1.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	75.58	24.42	0.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-24-2015</i>	46.08	53.92	20.66	5.51	0.30	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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