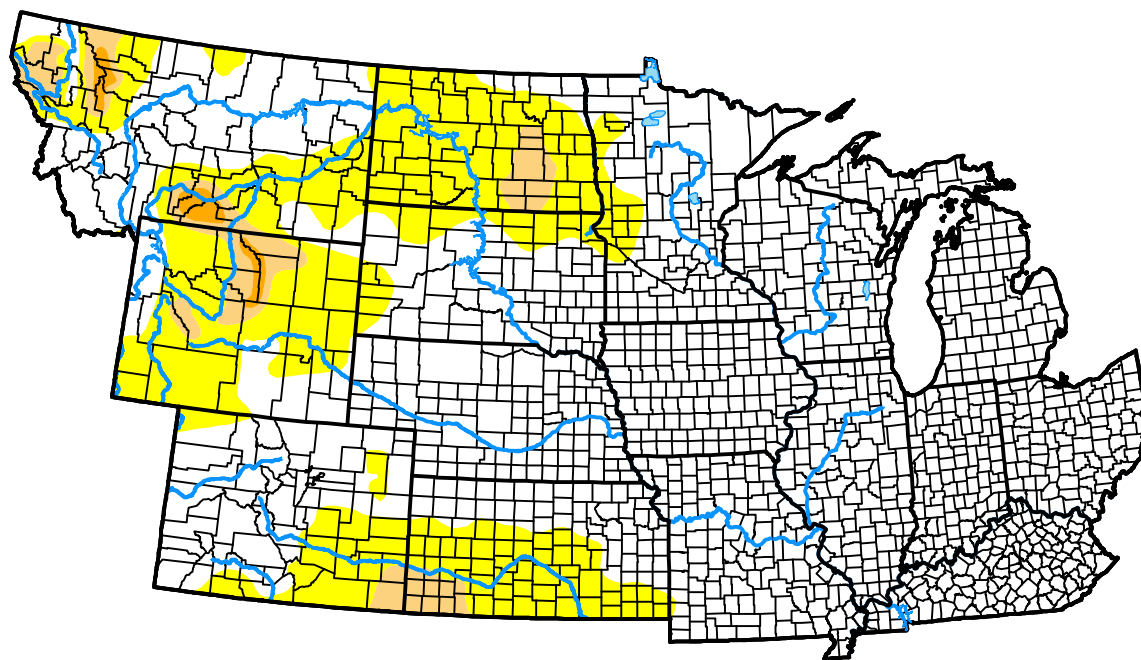


# U.S. Drought Monitor NWS Central

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 73.49 | 26.51 | 4.18  | 0.62  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>03-15-2016              | 73.98 | 26.02 | 3.50  | 0.63  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-22-2015           | 78.17 | 21.83 | 5.78  | 2.67  | 0.45  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-29-2015 | 78.96 | 21.04 | 5.65  | 2.67  | 0.45  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2015    | 71.52 | 28.48 | 5.67  | 3.66  | 2.15  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>03-24-2015           | 50.83 | 49.17 | 19.55 | 3.56  | 0.13  | 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>

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