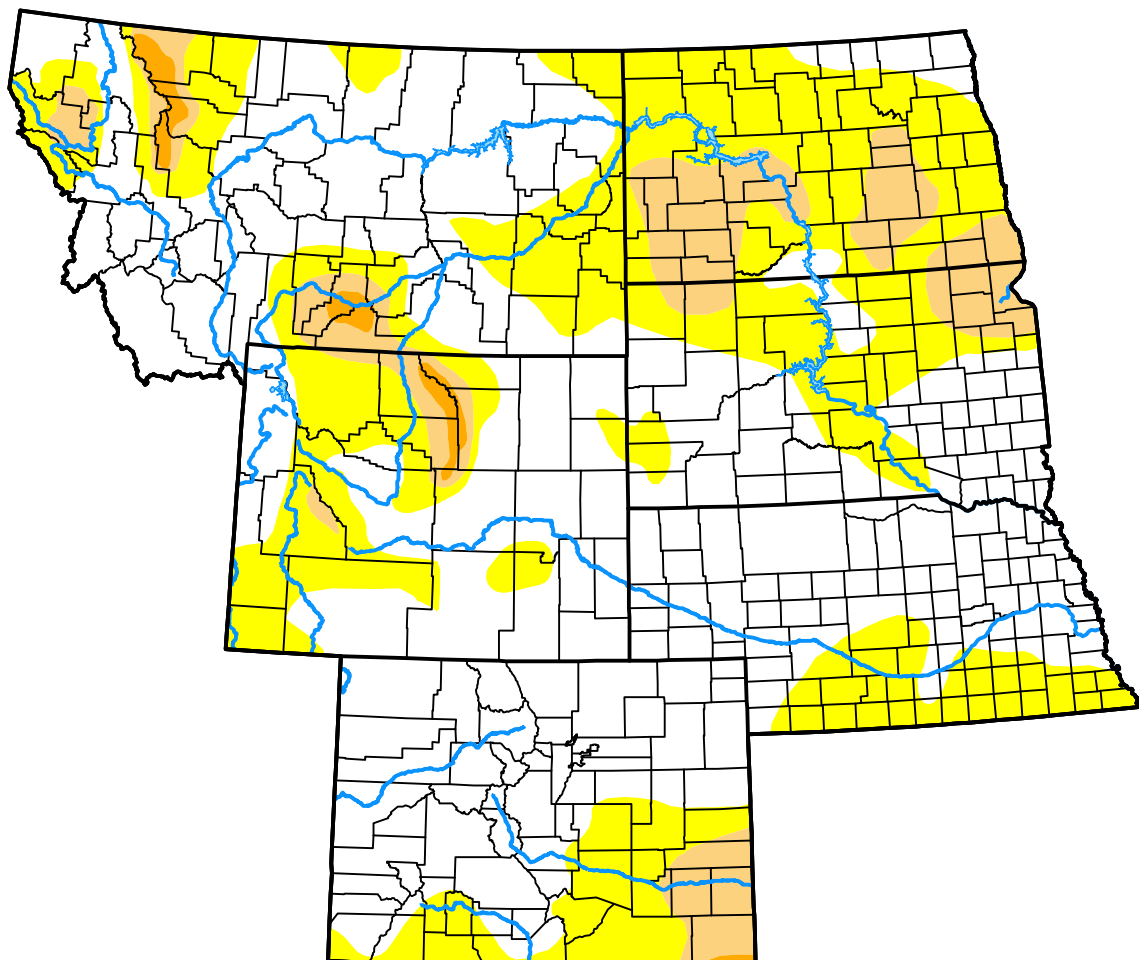


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>                                     | 58.63 | 41.37 | 9.64  | 0.98  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-05-2016</i>              | 60.06 | 39.94 | 7.84  | 0.92  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-12-2016</i>           | 66.26 | 33.74 | 12.21 | 4.65  | 0.91  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 68.34 | 31.66 | 9.32  | 5.37  | 0.91  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 63.29 | 36.71 | 9.86  | 7.37  | 4.33  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-14-2015</i>           | 45.01 | 54.99 | 27.25 | 7.41  | 0.00  | 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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