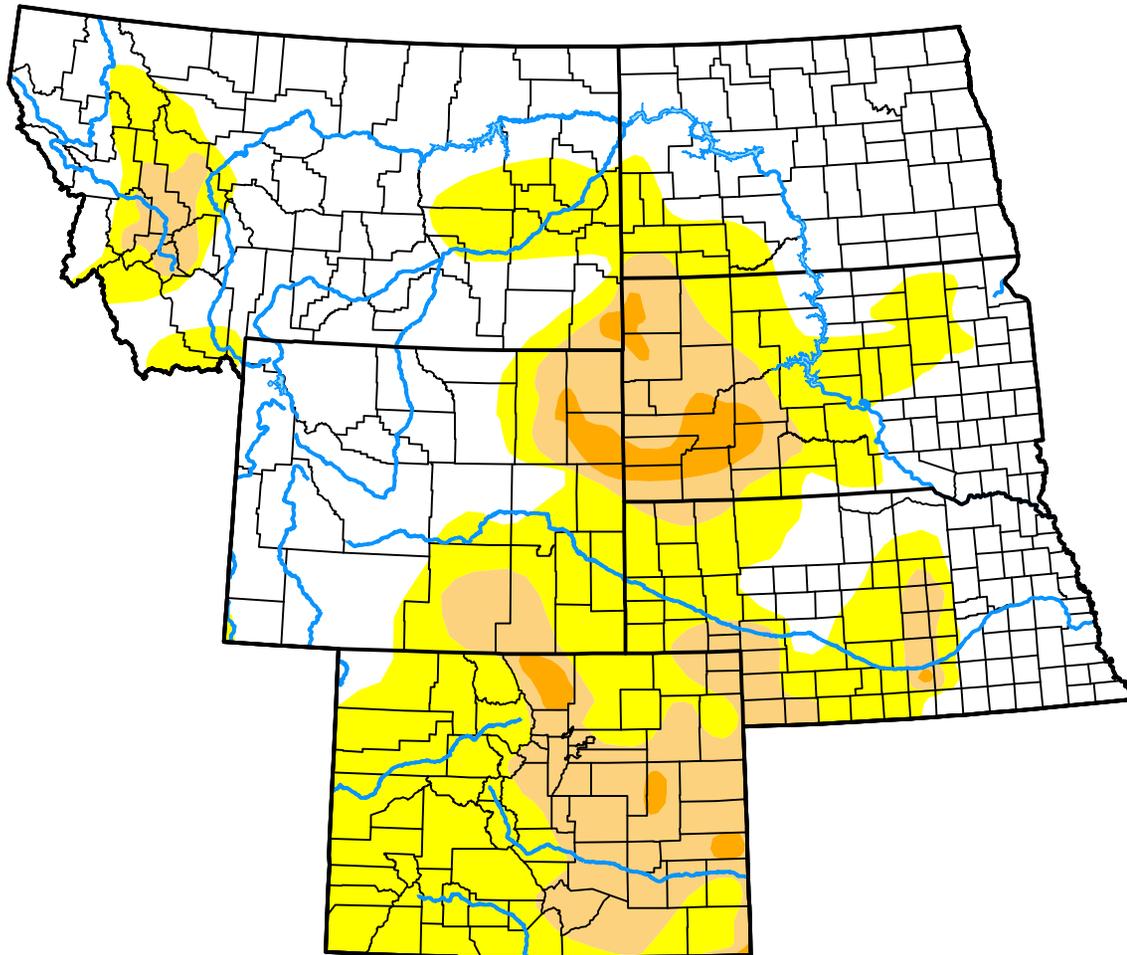


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 20, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	52.03	30.99	14.69	2.29	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-13-2016</i>	50.97	32.05	14.69	2.29	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-20-2016</i>	58.56	24.81	12.33	4.06	0.23	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	68.34	22.34	3.95	4.46	0.91	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	62.66	23.14	10.33	3.65	0.23	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-22-2015</i>	67.74	22.94	3.95	4.46	0.91	0.00

***Intensity:***



*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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