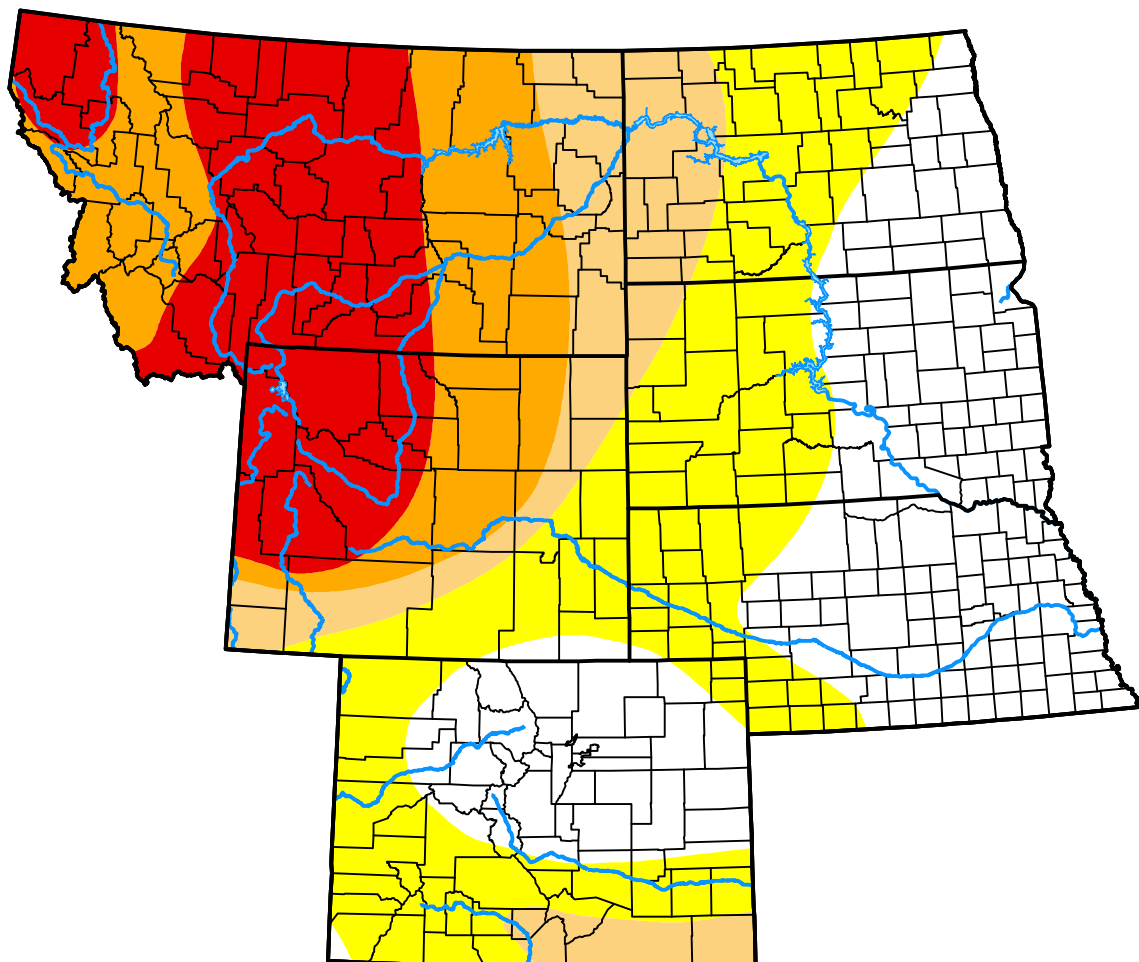


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	29.54	70.46	43.48	32.11	17.79	0.00
Last Week <i>12-11-2001</i>	29.49	70.51	42.51	32.11	17.79	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2001</i>	44.81	55.19	33.85	28.98	16.17	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2001</i>	57.35	42.65	15.62	7.08	0.40	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2001</i>	46.53	53.47	33.85	28.98	16.18	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-19-2000</i>	53.21	46.79	16.59	6.55	0.42	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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