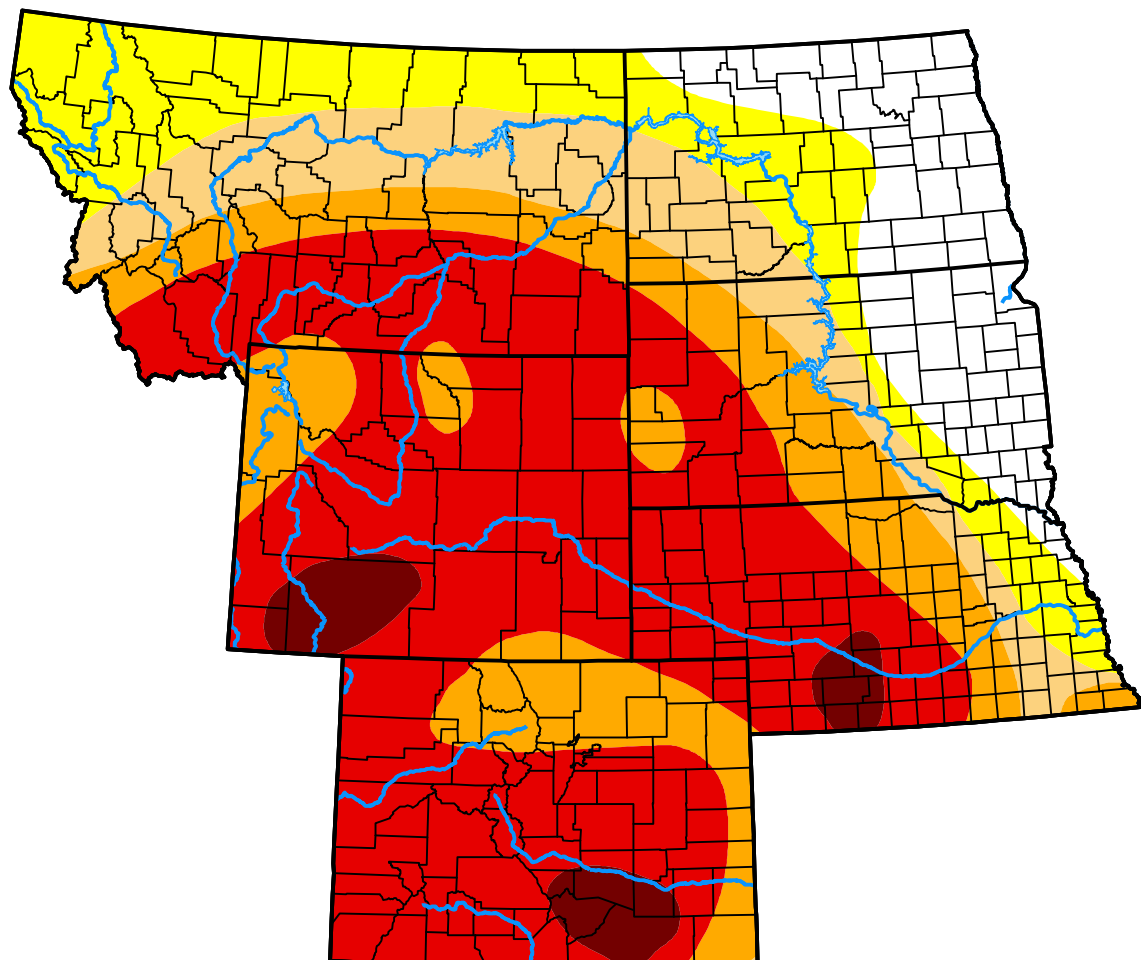


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.01	88.99	74.90	63.36	45.95	3.82
Last Week <i>10-08-2002</i>	10.96	89.04	74.87	61.57	44.08	3.79
3 Months Ago <i>07-16-2002</i>	12.12	87.88	77.15	63.03	38.05	9.83
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	29.07	70.93	44.41	32.06	17.34	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	85.30	70.88	59.85	46.19	9.48
One Year Ago <i>10-16-2001</i>	38.16	61.84	34.50	28.98	19.53	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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