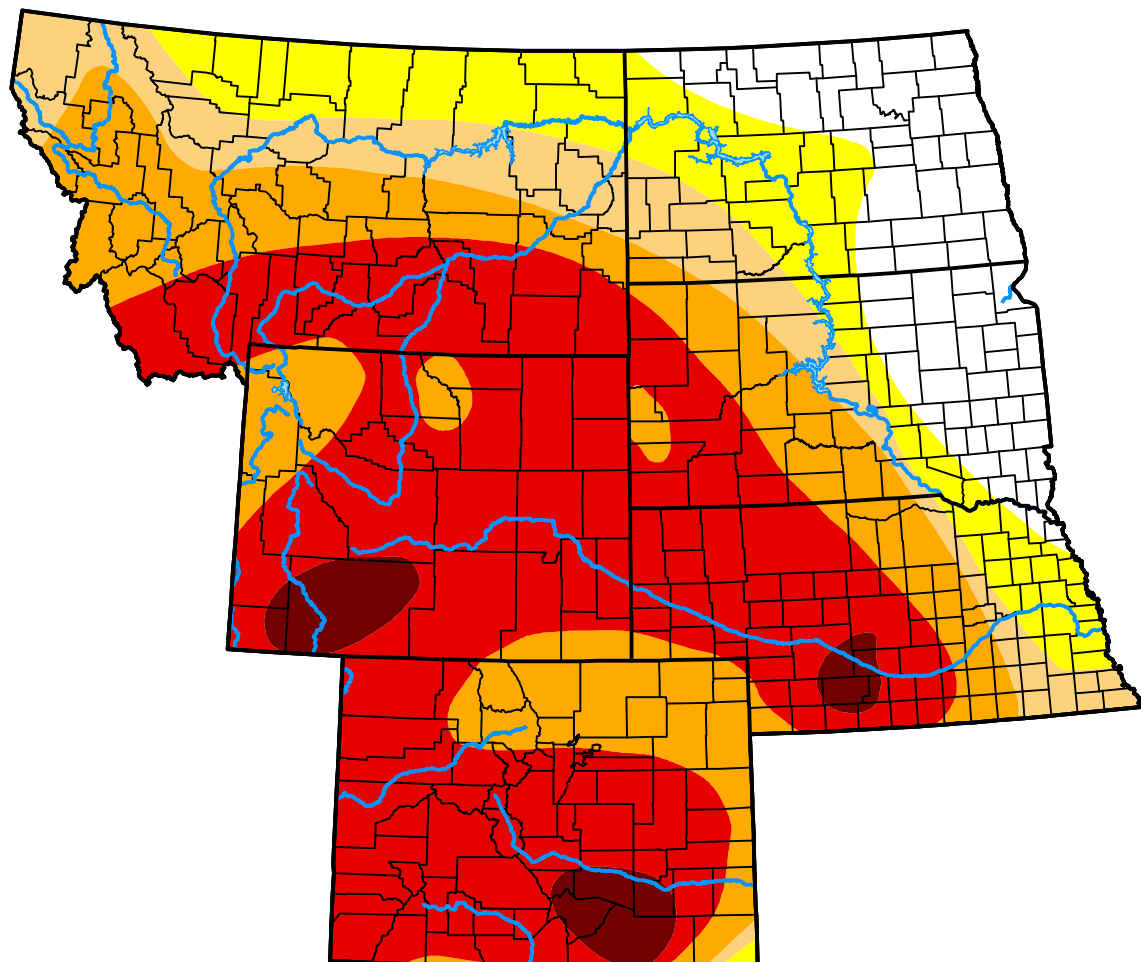


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.17	12.45	10.25	21.64	41.01	3.49
Last Week <i>11-26-2002</i>	11.37	12.24	10.20	21.61	41.06	3.52
3 Months Ago <i>09-03-2002</i>	15.40	10.89	10.22	11.51	34.67	17.32
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	29.07	26.52	12.36	14.72	17.34	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	14.42	11.03	13.66	36.71	9.48
One Year Ago <i>12-04-2001</i>	29.42	28.09	10.03	14.61	17.86	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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