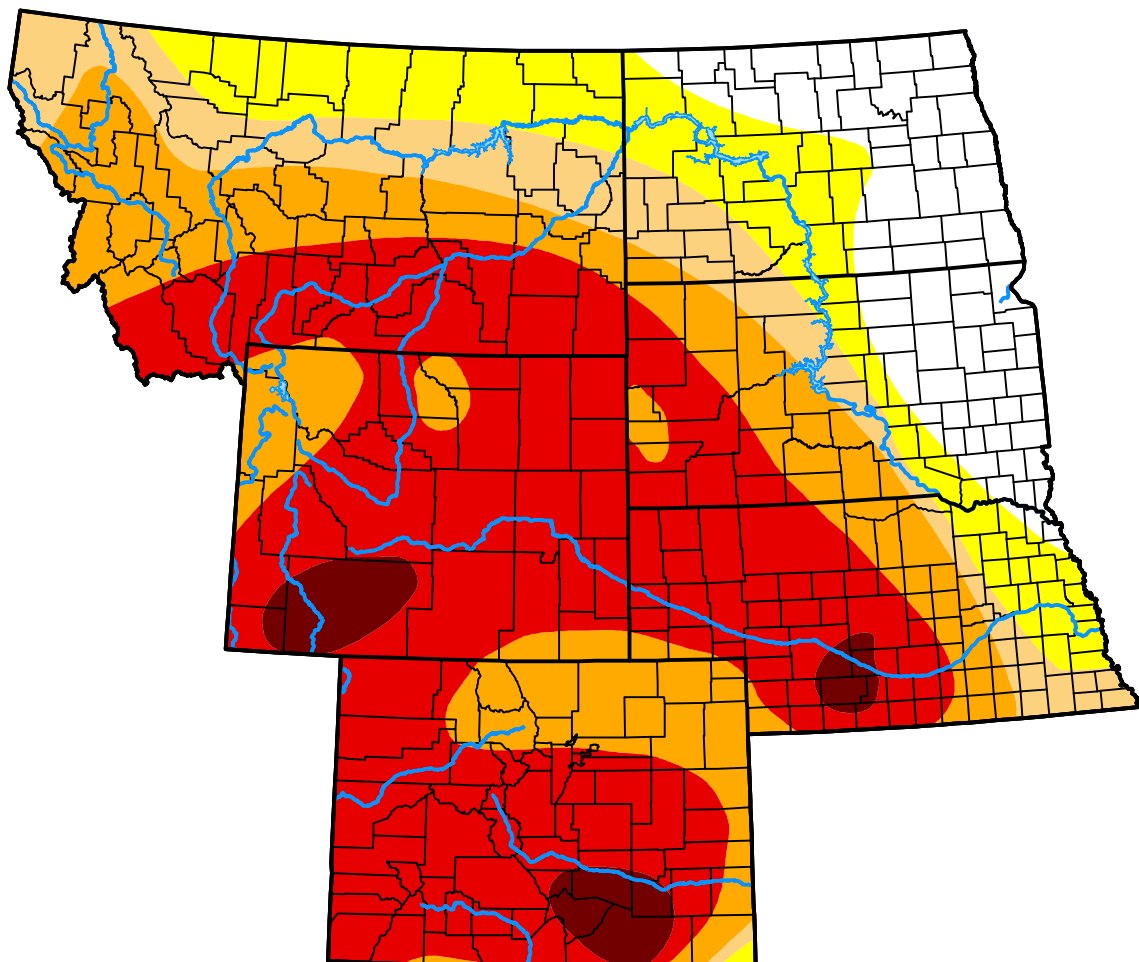


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.17	88.83	76.39	66.13	44.50	3.49
Last Week <i>11-26-2002</i>	11.37	88.63	76.39	66.19	44.58	3.52
3 Months Ago <i>09-03-2002</i>	15.40	84.60	73.71	63.50	51.98	17.32
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>12-04-2001</i>	29.42	70.58	42.50	32.47	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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