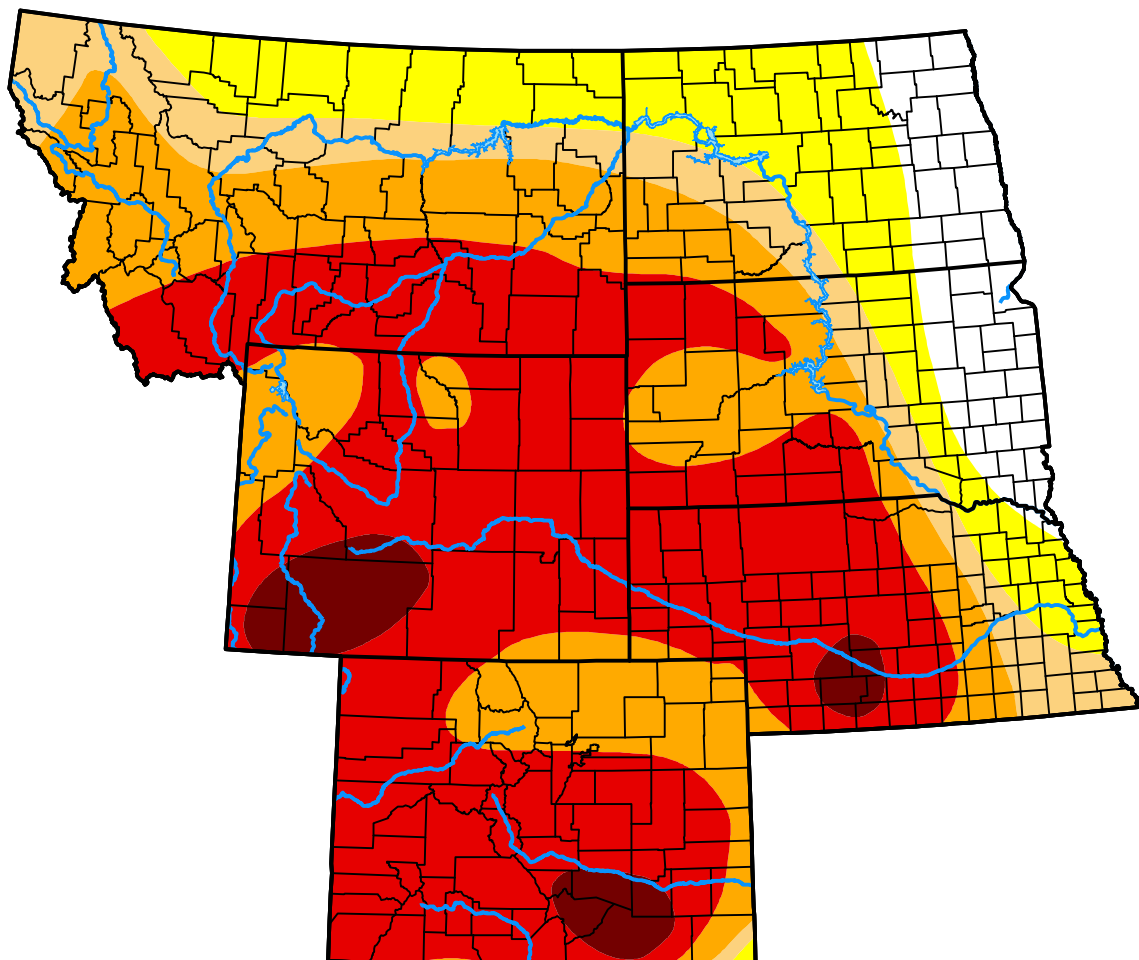


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.65	93.35	79.68	70.14	46.39	4.15
Last Week <i>12-03-2002</i>	11.17	88.83	76.39	66.13	44.50	3.49
3 Months Ago <i>09-10-2002</i>	15.85	84.15	73.40	61.15	49.08	12.76
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>12-11-2001</i>	29.49	70.51	42.51	32.11	17.79	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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