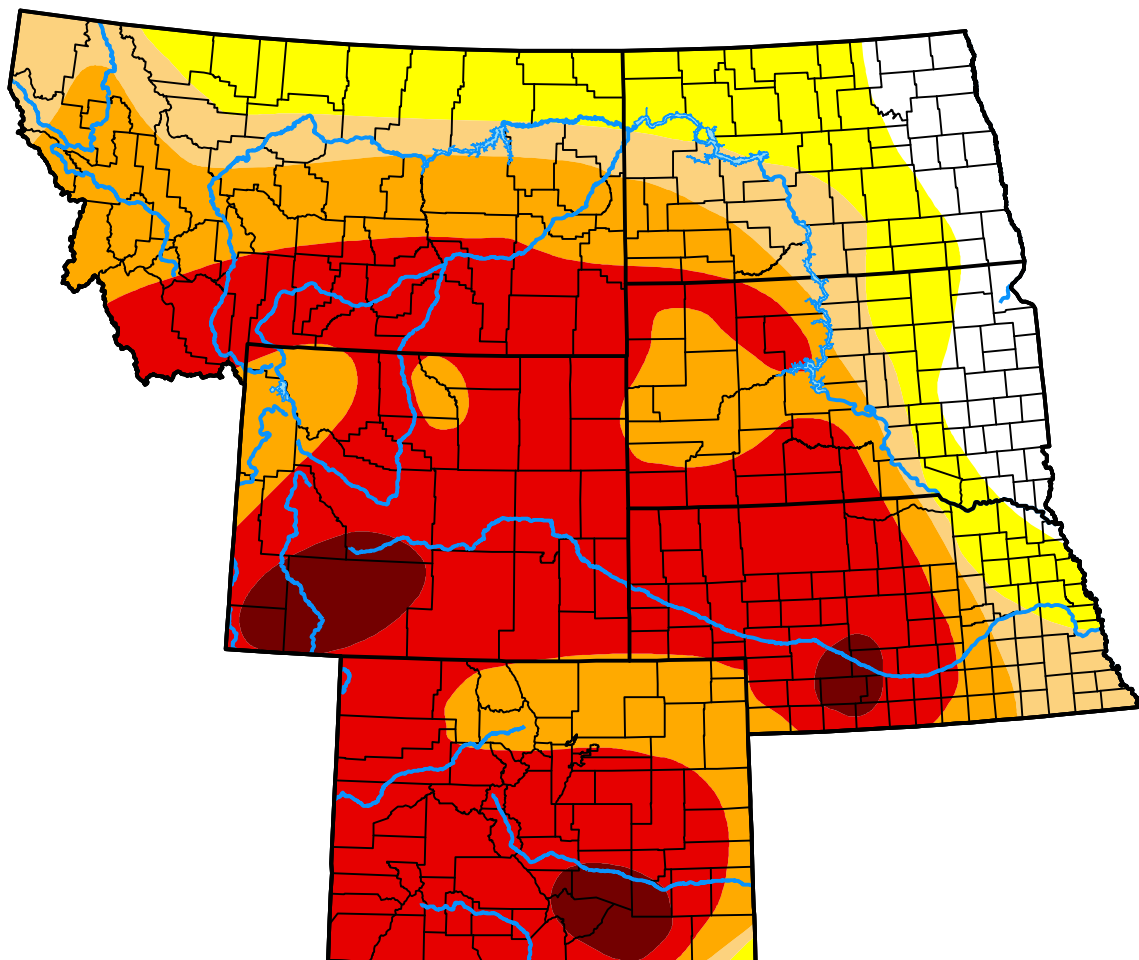


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.88	94.12	80.67	70.27	47.26	4.26
Last Week <i>12-17-2002</i>	5.70	94.30	81.08	70.29	47.42	4.21
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	16.15	83.85	73.40	60.95	47.32	10.11
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>12-25-2001</i>	29.54	70.46	43.82	32.11	17.11	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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