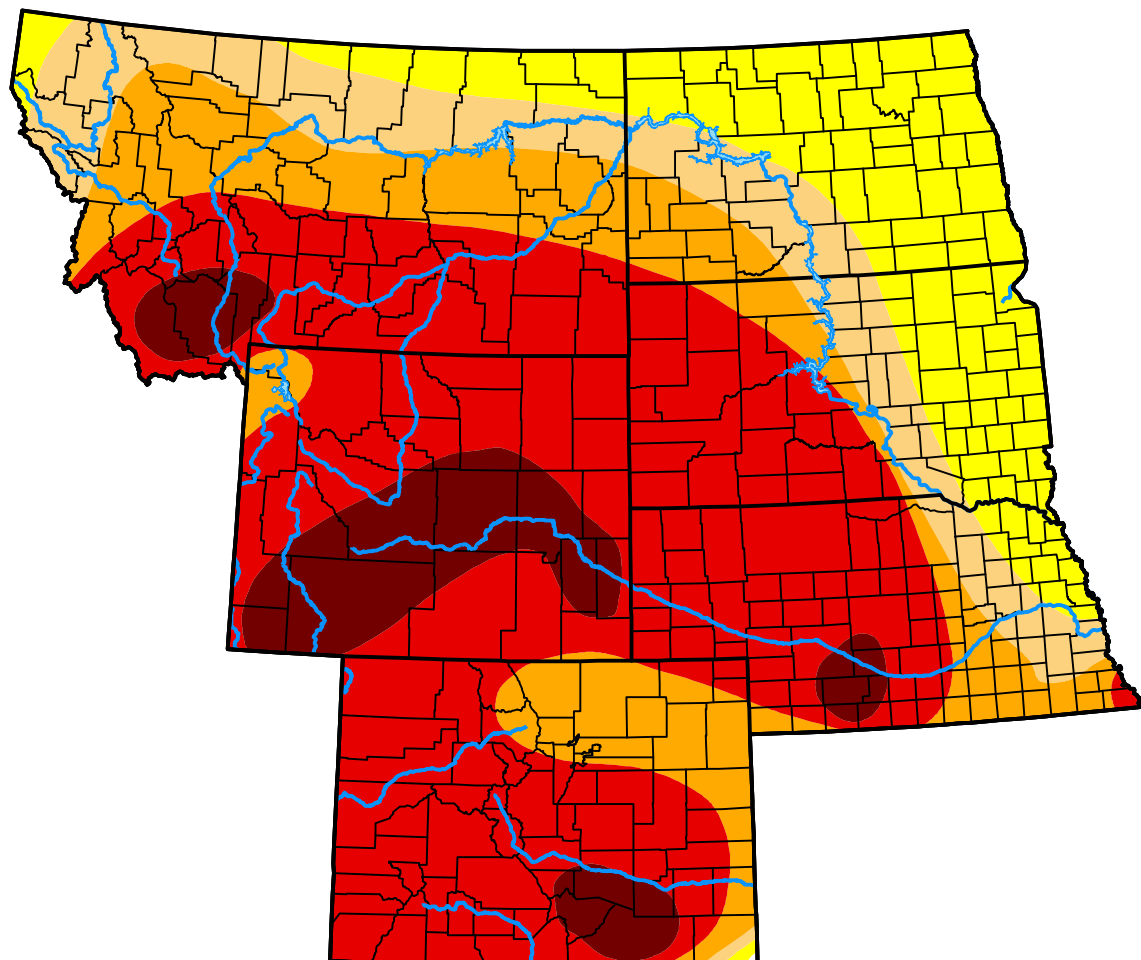


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.01	15.92	11.93	17.06	45.64	9.44
Last Week <i>02-11-2003</i>	0.00	14.27	12.74	18.25	45.13	9.61
3 Months Ago <i>11-19-2002</i>	10.95	12.75	10.36	21.23	41.04	3.66
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
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>02-19-2002</i>	8.52	29.54	29.47	17.50	14.96	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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