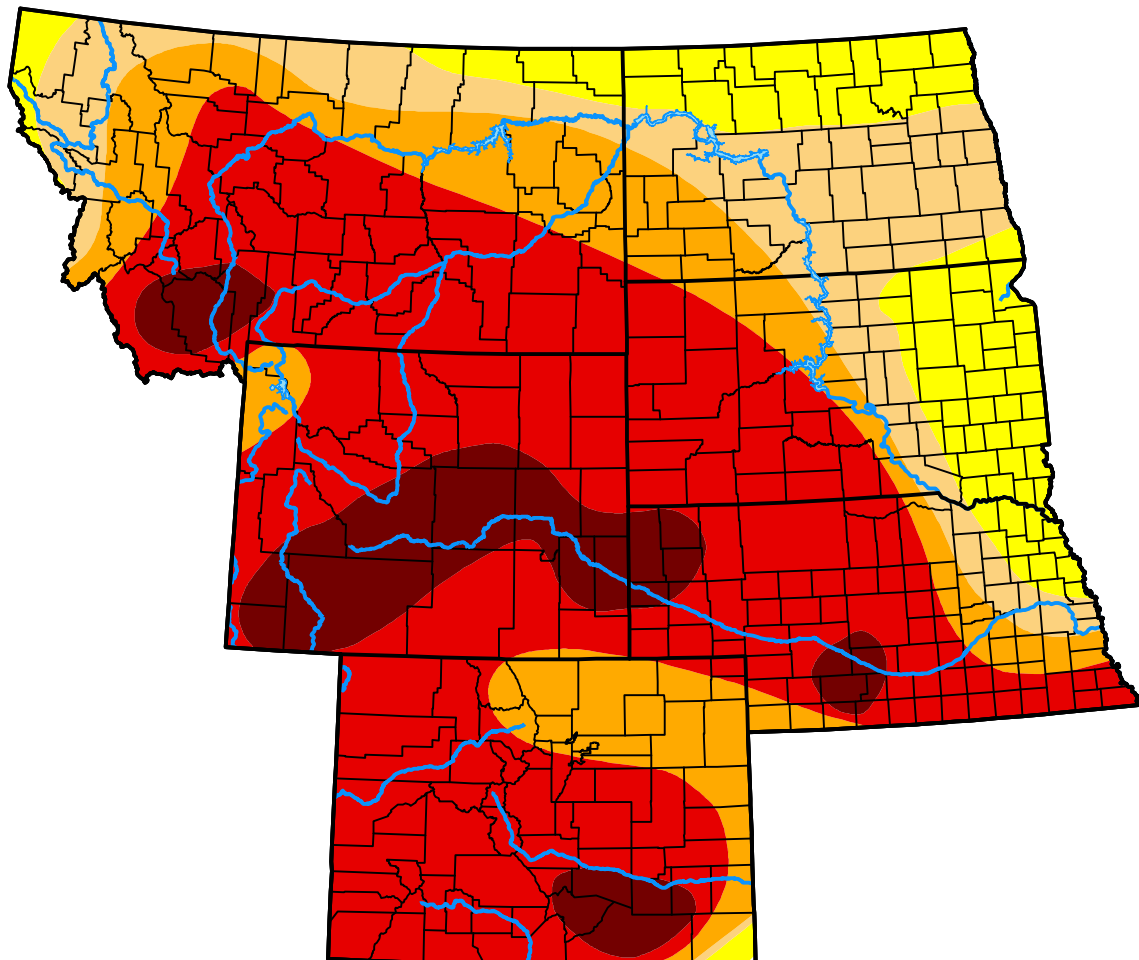


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.00	11.13	13.82	16.93	47.67	10.44
Last Week <i>02-25-2003</i>	0.01	15.86	11.32	18.01	45.42	9.37
3 Months Ago <i>12-03-2002</i>	11.17	12.45	10.25	21.64	41.01	3.49
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>03-05-2002</i>	4.89	31.00	29.10	20.21	14.81	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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