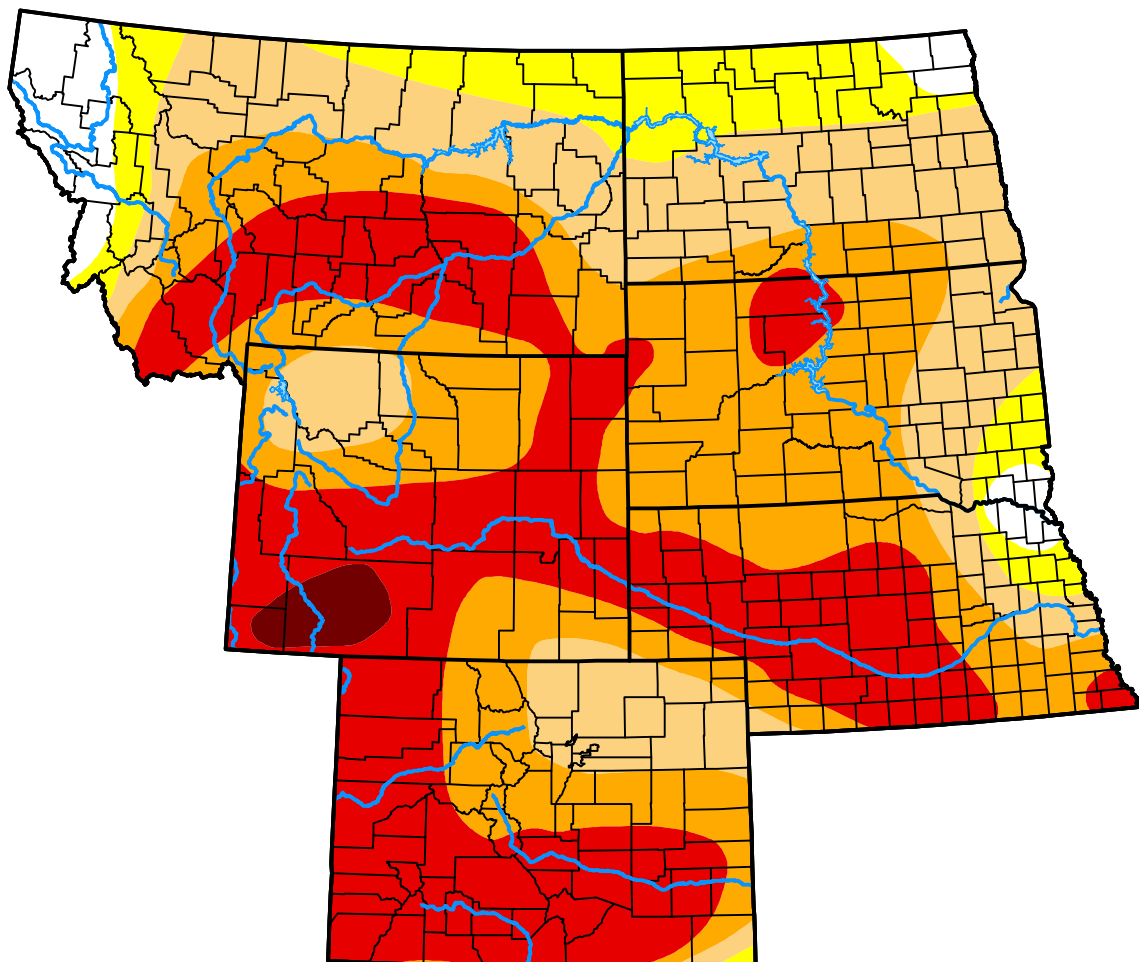


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.87	8.77	23.12	31.08	31.97	1.20
Last Week <i>04-08-2003</i>	3.80	9.38	22.52	30.25	32.69	1.37
3 Months Ago <i>01-14-2003</i>	2.41	12.27	10.25	18.63	45.93	10.50
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>04-16-2002</i>	1.87	25.50	23.84	27.10	21.68	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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