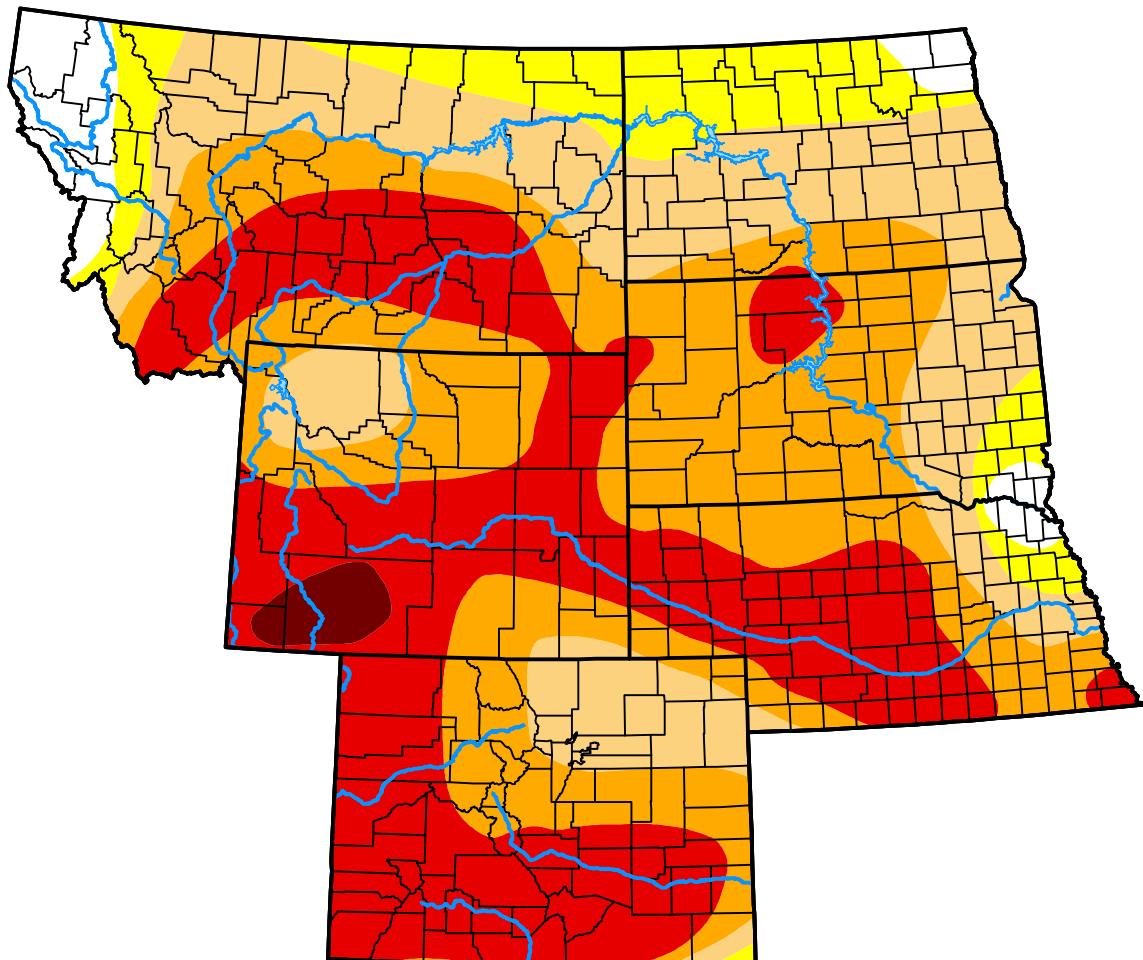


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.87	96.13	87.37	64.25	33.17	1.20
Last Week 04-08-2003	3.80	96.20	86.82	64.30	34.06	1.37
3 Months Ago 01-14-2003	2.41	97.59	85.32	75.07	56.44	10.50
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	5.32	94.68	83.14	71.20	48.98	4.25
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	14.70	85.30	70.88	59.85	46.19	9.48
One Year Ago 04-16-2002	1.87	98.13	72.63	48.78	21.68	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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