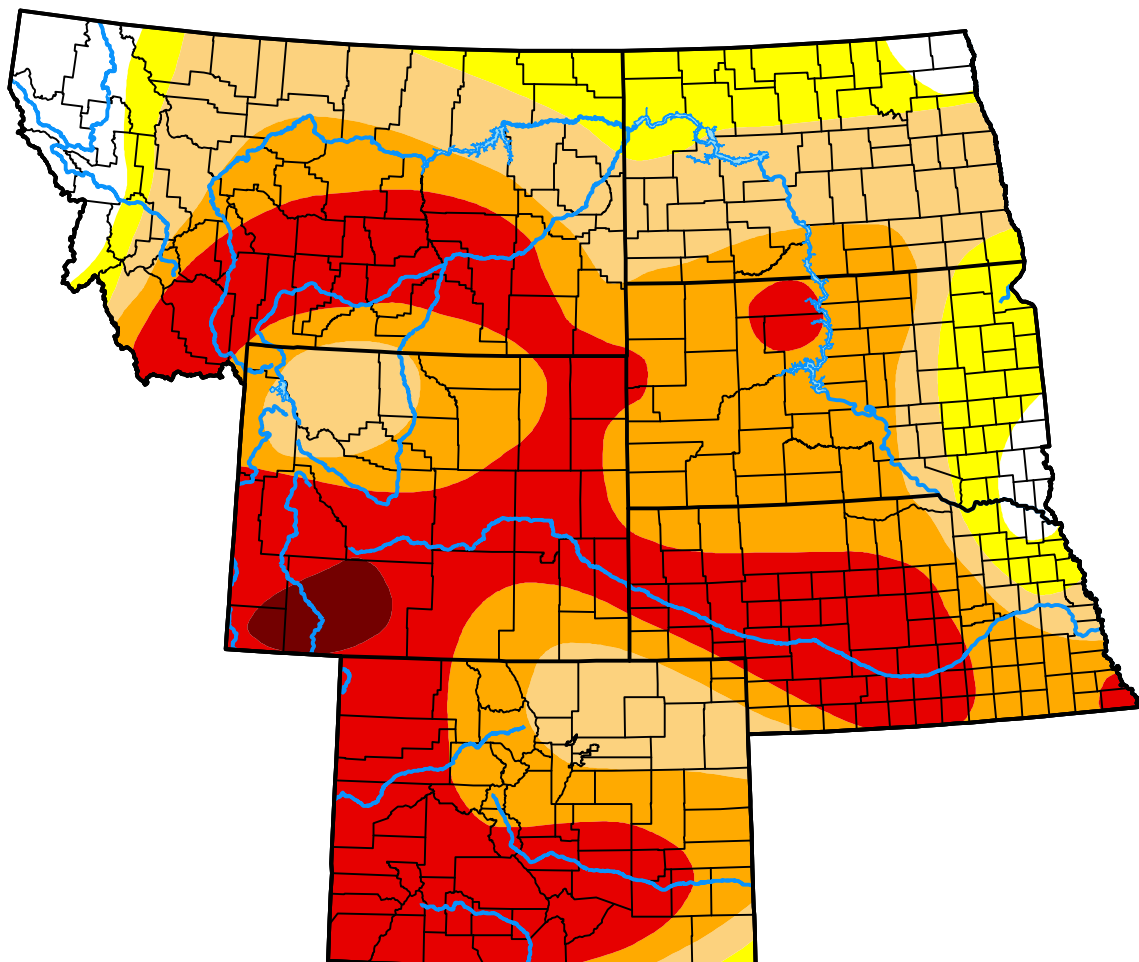


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.32	9.99	21.76	30.65	31.91	1.37
Last Week <i>04-15-2003</i>	3.87	8.77	23.12	31.08	31.97	1.20
3 Months Ago <i>01-21-2003</i>	0.00	14.91	10.28	18.59	46.46	9.76
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>04-23-2002</i>	1.92	26.28	16.54	25.82	29.44	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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