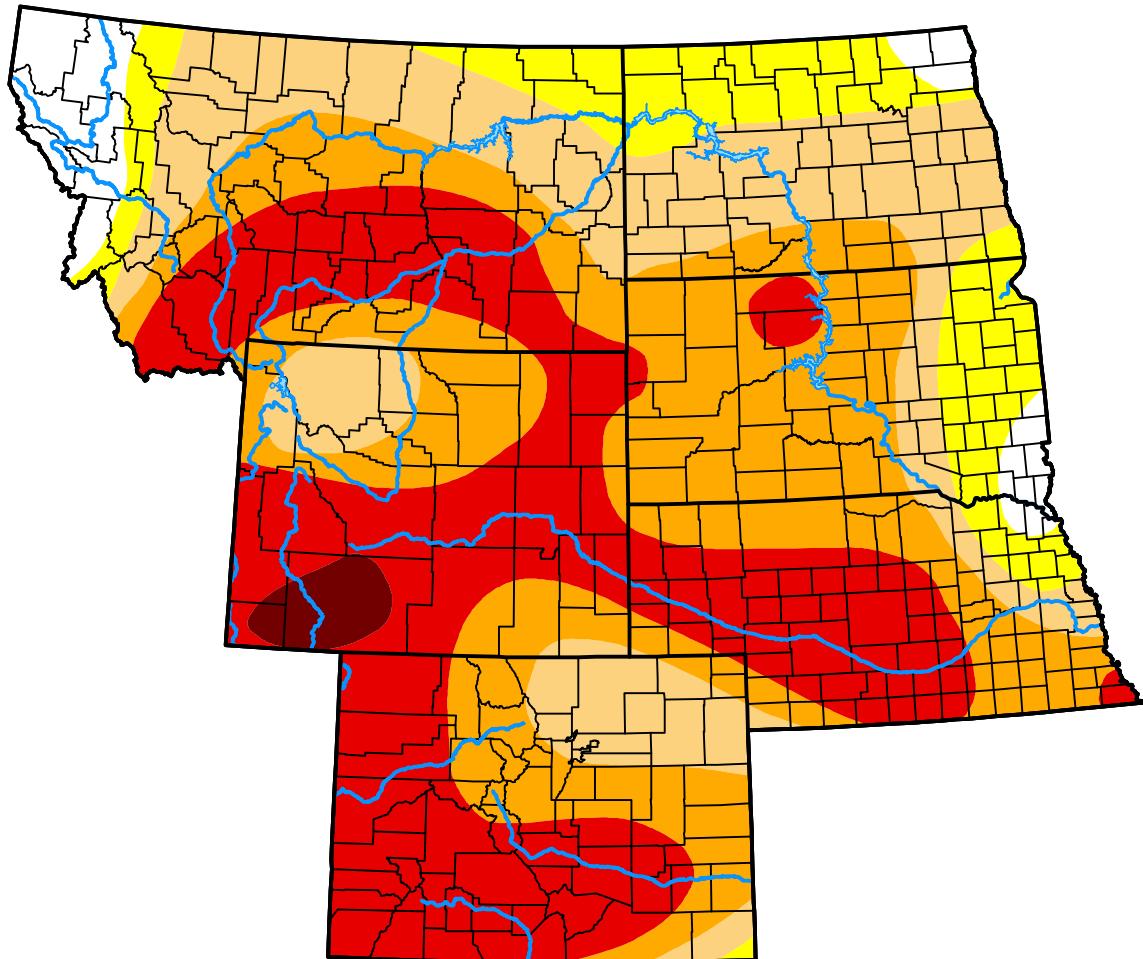


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 4.32 | 95.68 | 85.69 | 63.93 | 33.28 | 1.37 |
| Last Week 04-15-2003 | 3.87 | 96.13 | 87.37 | 64.25 | 33.17 | 1.20 |
| 3 Months Ago 01-21-2003 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 85.09 | 74.81 | 56.21 | 9.76 |
| 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 04-23-2002 | 1.92 | 98.08 | 71.80 | 55.26 | 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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