

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

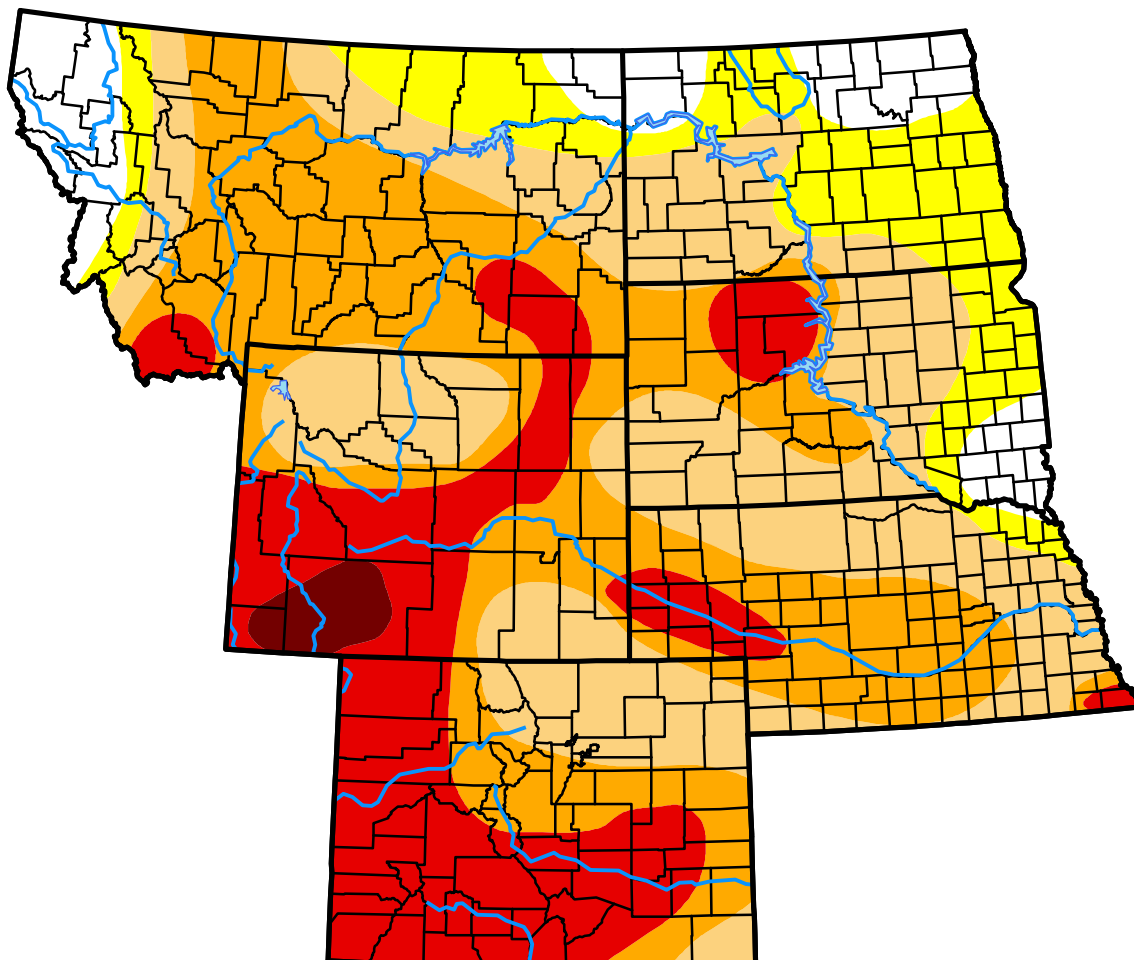
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	7.55	92.45	80.86	51.11	21.33	1.37
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-29-2003</i>	4.10	95.90	87.00	65.35	31.06	1.38
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-04-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	85.80	73.12	54.84	9.25
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	94.68	83.14	71.20	48.98	4.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	85.30	70.88	59.85	46.19	9.48
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-07-2002</i>	2.13	97.87	76.85	58.10	31.67	3.22



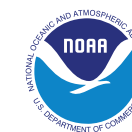
***Intensity:***

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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