

# 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>                              | 23.21 | 76.79 | 61.59 | 39.57 | 15.10 | 1.31 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>07-08-2003              | 28.73 | 71.27 | 51.35 | 34.76 | 13.44 | 1.12 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>04-15-2003           | 3.87  | 96.13 | 87.37 | 64.25 | 33.17 | 1.20 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2002 | 5.32  | 94.68 | 83.14 | 71.20 | 48.98 | 4.25 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-01-2002    | 14.70 | 85.30 | 70.88 | 59.85 | 46.19 | 9.48 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>07-16-2002           | 12.12 | 87.88 | 77.15 | 63.03 | 38.05 | 9.83 |

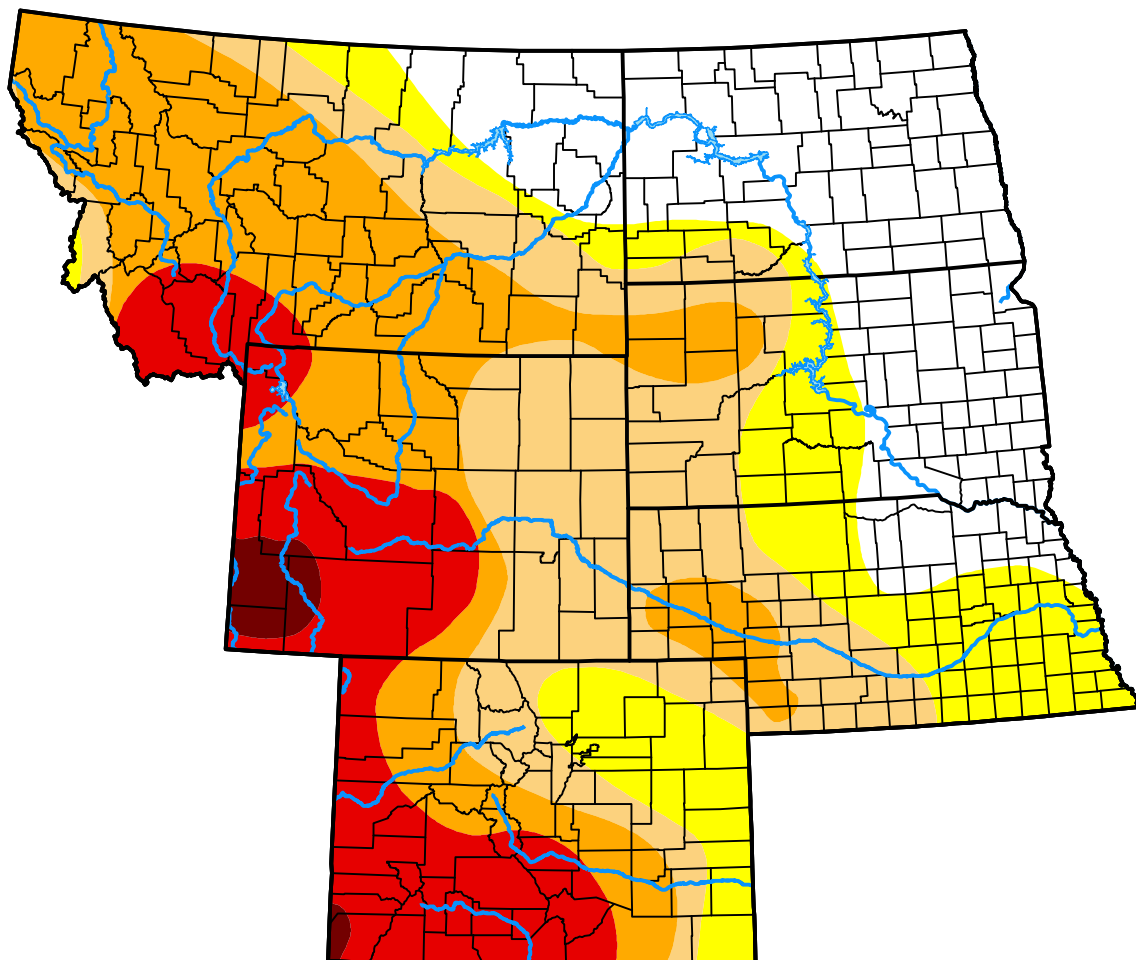
### Intensity:

|                                                                                       |                     |                                                                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
|    | 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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