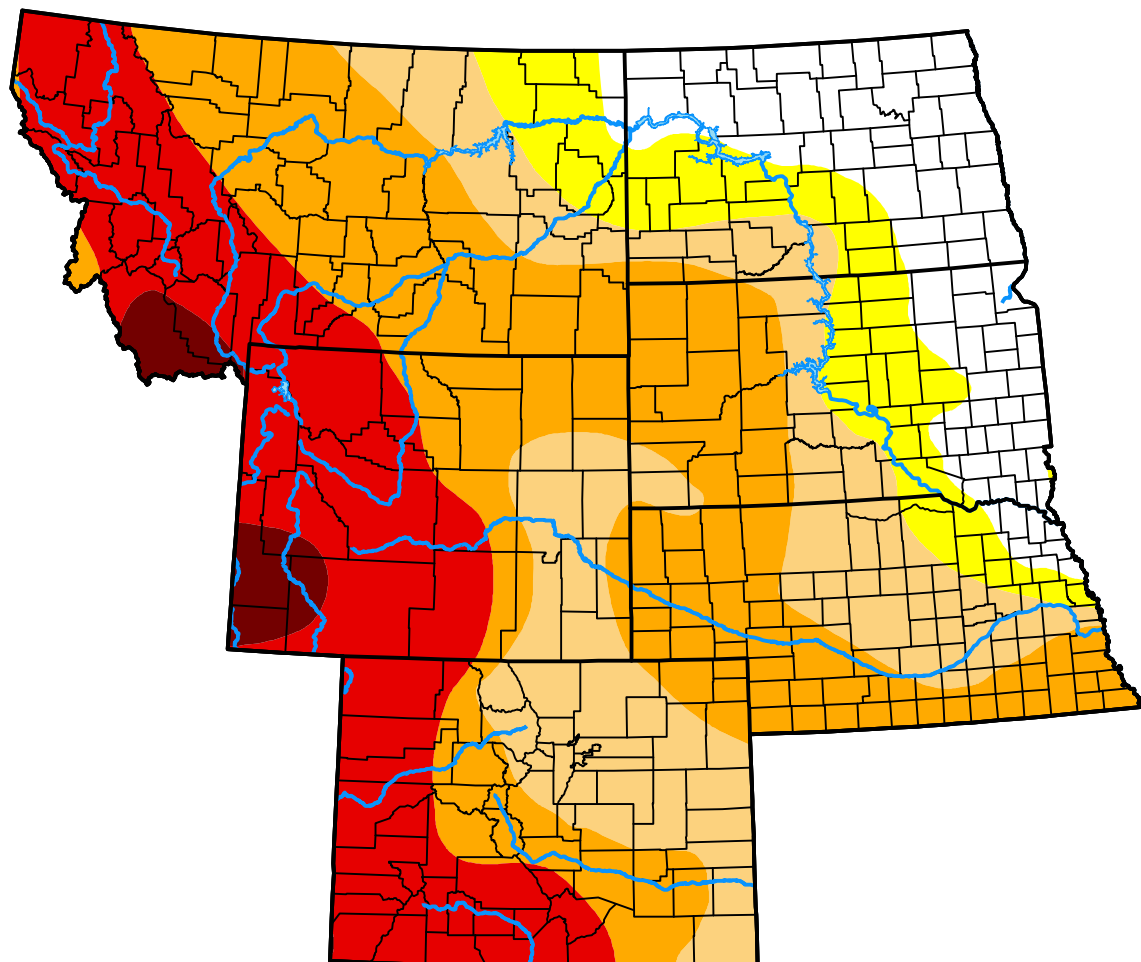


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.19	87.81	78.49	57.27	24.63	2.35
Last Week <i>08-05-2003</i>	10.96	89.04	78.26	53.93	24.51	2.33
3 Months Ago <i>05-13-2003</i>	15.82	84.18	72.00	42.28	16.53	1.93
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	94.68	83.14	71.20	48.98	4.25
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	85.30	70.88	59.85	46.19	9.48
One Year Ago <i>08-13-2002</i>	14.70	85.30	76.17	66.93	56.52	18.10

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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