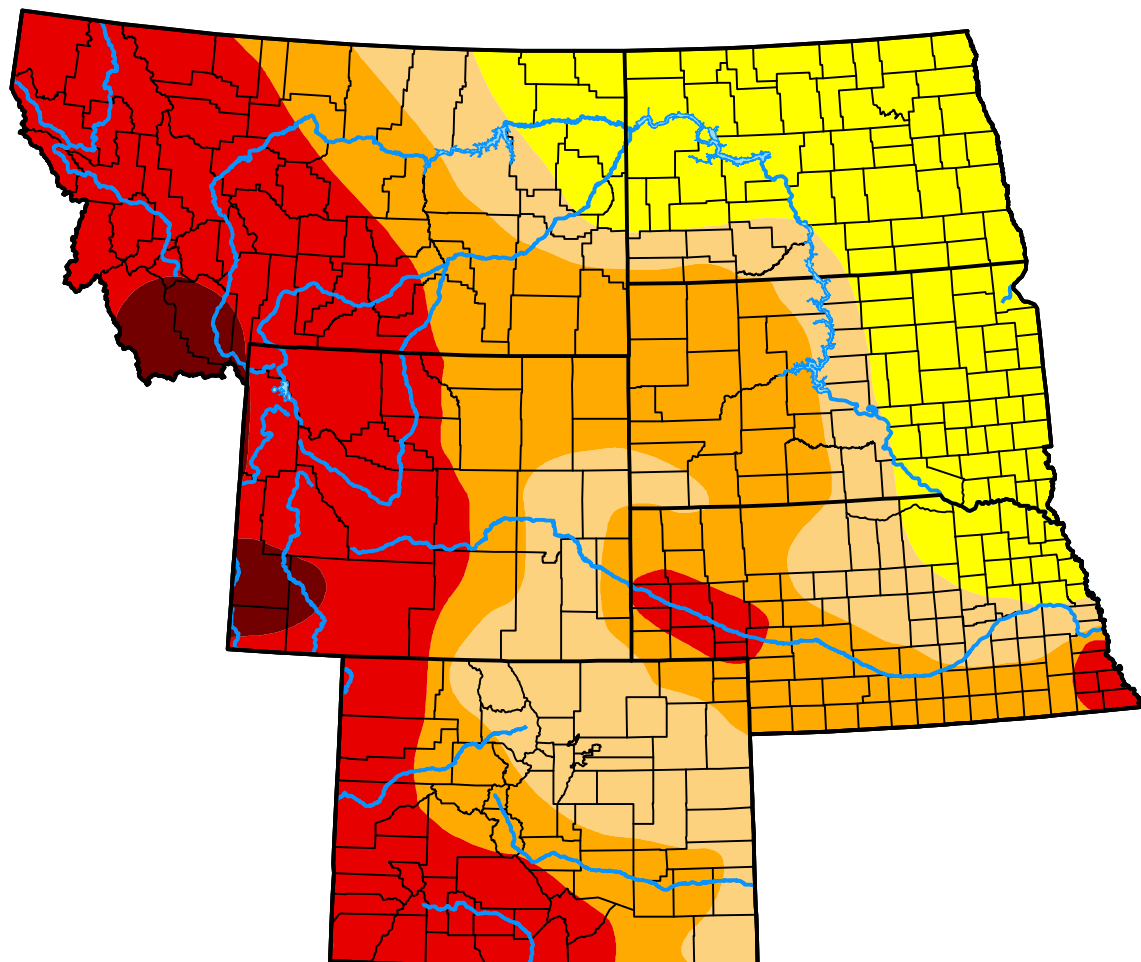


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	79.17	59.13	30.99	2.56
Last Week <i>08-12-2003</i>	12.19	87.81	78.49	57.27	24.63	2.35
3 Months Ago <i>05-20-2003</i>	17.78	82.22	68.66	40.90	14.68	1.89
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>08-20-2002</i>	14.56	85.44	76.44	66.79	56.51	18.19

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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