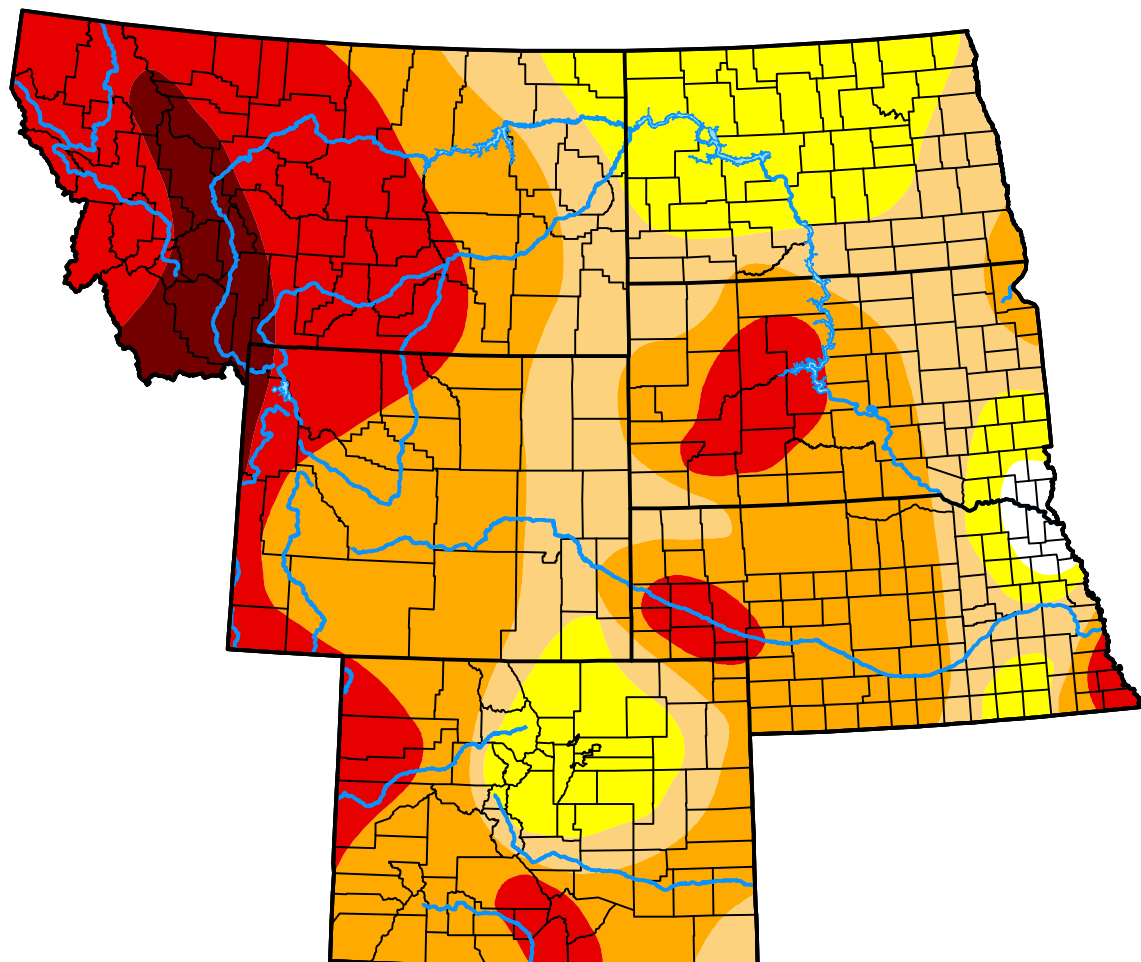


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.81	15.01	21.30	36.42	22.15	4.31
Last Week <i>09-09-2003</i>	0.00	15.27	13.99	37.85	29.00	3.89
3 Months Ago <i>06-17-2003</i>	16.32	22.03	26.54	21.57	11.16	2.36
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	11.53	11.95	22.22	44.73	4.25
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	14.42	11.03	13.66	36.71	9.48
One Year Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	16.72	9.83	12.37	12.92	37.22	10.94

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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