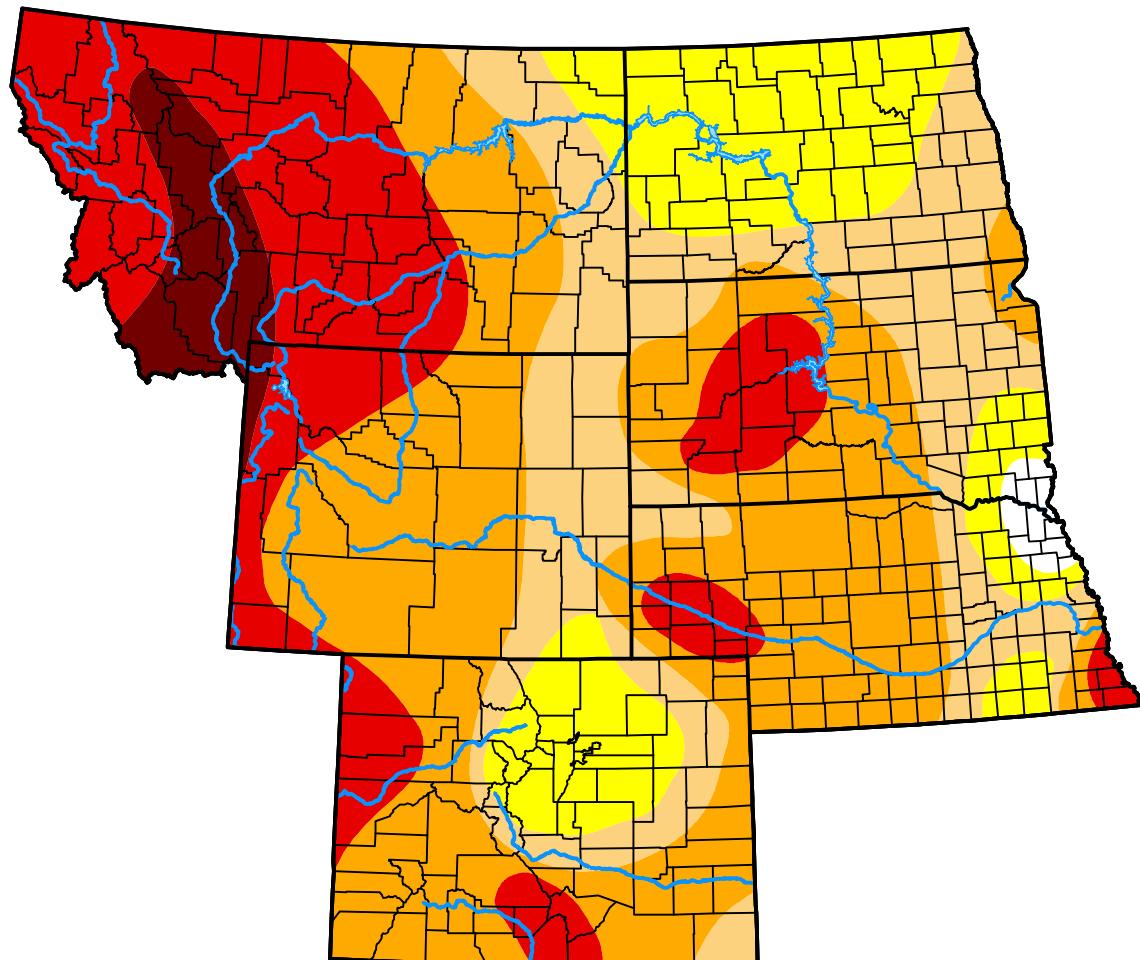


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USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.81	99.19	84.18	62.87	26.46	4.31
Last Week 09-09-2003	0.00	100.00	84.73	70.74	32.89	3.89
3 Months Ago 06-17-2003	16.32	83.68	61.64	35.10	13.53	2.36
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	5.32	94.68	83.14	71.20	48.98	4.25
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	14.70	85.30	70.88	59.85	46.19	9.48
One Year Ago 09-17-2002	16.72	83.28	73.45	61.08	48.17	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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