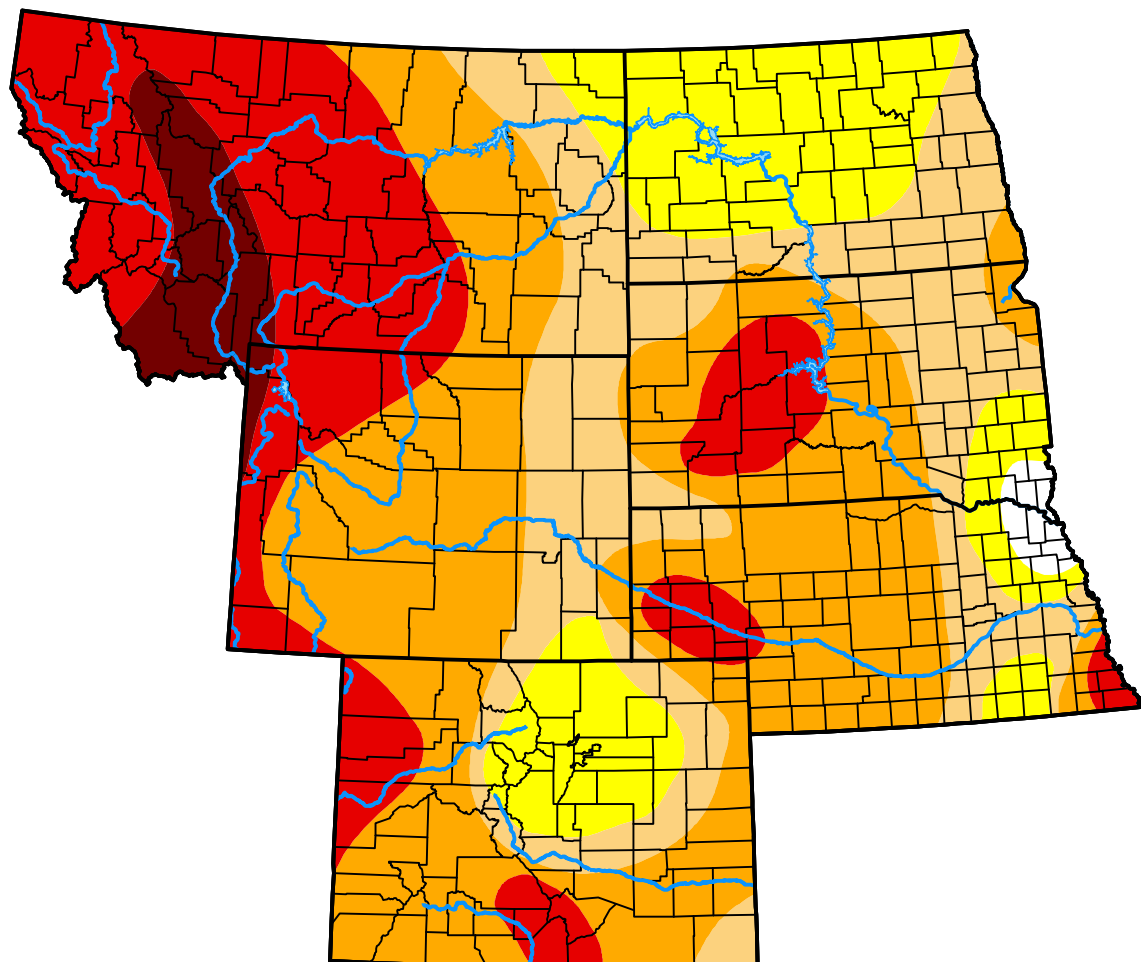


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	0.81	99.19	84.18	62.87	26.46	4.31
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-09-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	84.73	70.74	32.89	3.89
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-17-2003</i>	16.32	83.68	61.64	35.10	13.53	2.36
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	5.32	94.68	83.14	71.20	48.98	4.25
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	14.70	85.30	70.88	59.85	46.19	9.48
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-17-2002</i>	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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