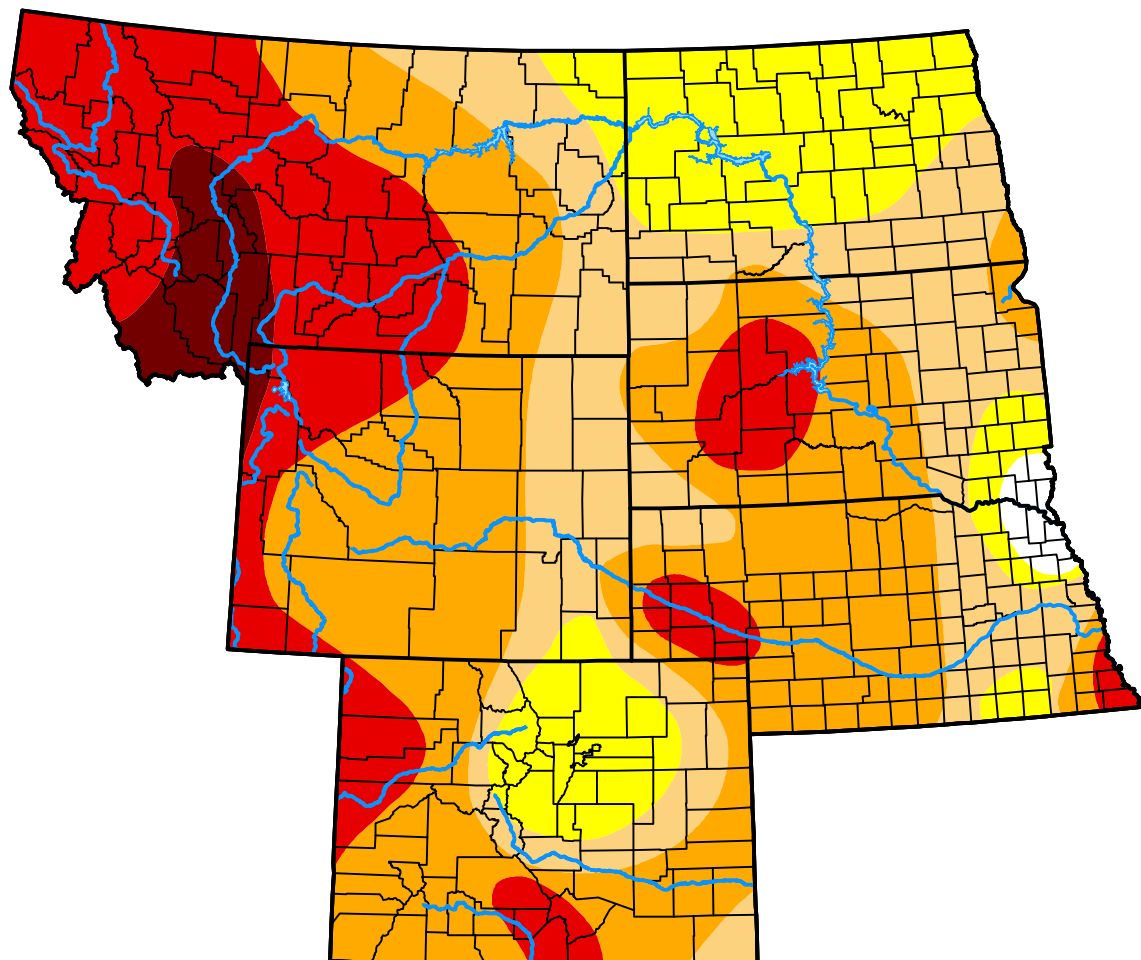


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.84	15.05	22.53	36.89	21.13	3.56
Last Week <i>09-16-2003</i>	0.81	15.01	21.30	36.42	22.15	4.31
3 Months Ago <i>06-24-2003</i>	23.60	17.93	24.76	21.38	10.62	1.71
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>09-24-2002</i>	16.15	10.45	12.45	13.63	37.21	10.11

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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