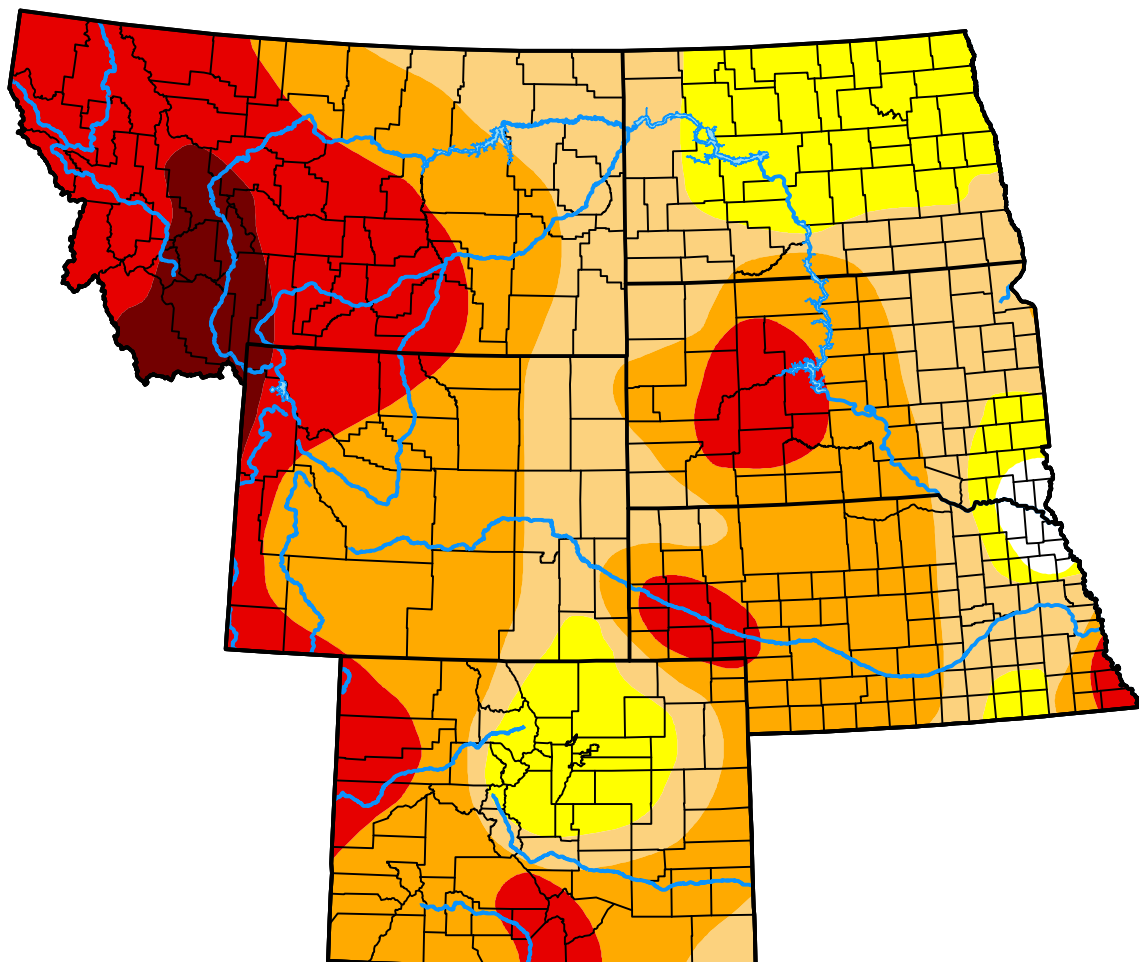


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.81	99.19	86.07	61.91	25.12	3.64
Last Week <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	99.21	84.27	61.39	24.85	3.57
3 Months Ago <i>07-08-2003</i>	28.73	71.27	51.35	34.76	13.44	1.12
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>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	99.21	84.27	61.39	24.85	3.57
One Year Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	10.96	89.04	74.87	61.57	44.08	3.79

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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