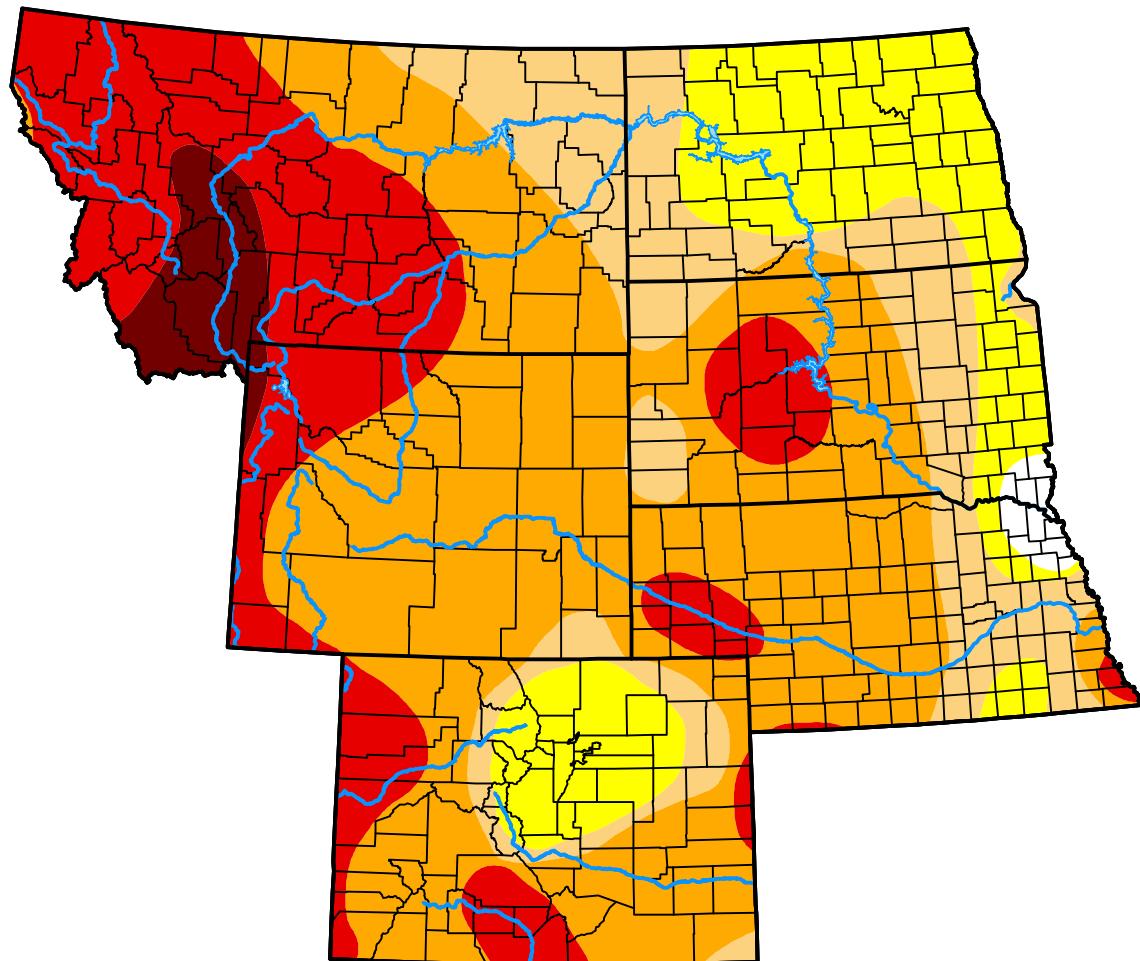


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USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.81	99.19	84.43	67.48	25.23	3.43
Last Week 10-07-2003	0.81	99.19	86.07	61.91	25.12	3.64
3 Months Ago 07-15-2003	23.21	76.79	61.59	39.57	15.10	1.31
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2002	5.32	94.68	83.14	71.20	48.98	4.25
Start of Water Year 09-30-2003	0.79	99.21	84.27	61.39	24.85	3.57
One Year Ago 10-15-2002	11.01	88.99	74.90	63.36	45.95	3.82

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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