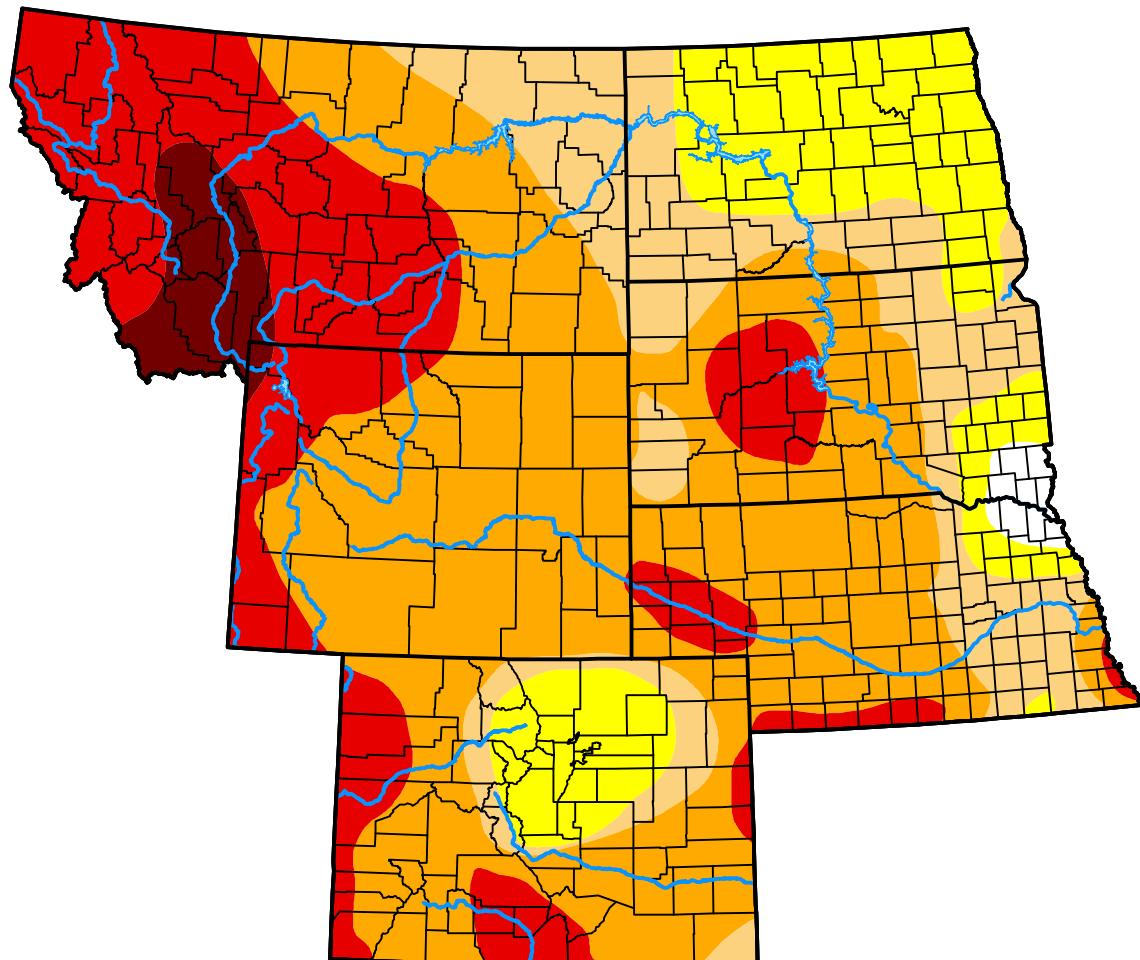


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.91	99.09	85.35	68.69	25.30	3.43
Last Week 10-21-2003	0.87	99.13	84.09	67.94	24.76	3.38
3 Months Ago 07-29-2003	17.20	82.80	76.04	52.22	23.96	2.52
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 10-29-2002	10.86	89.14	74.50	63.12	46.04	3.75

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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