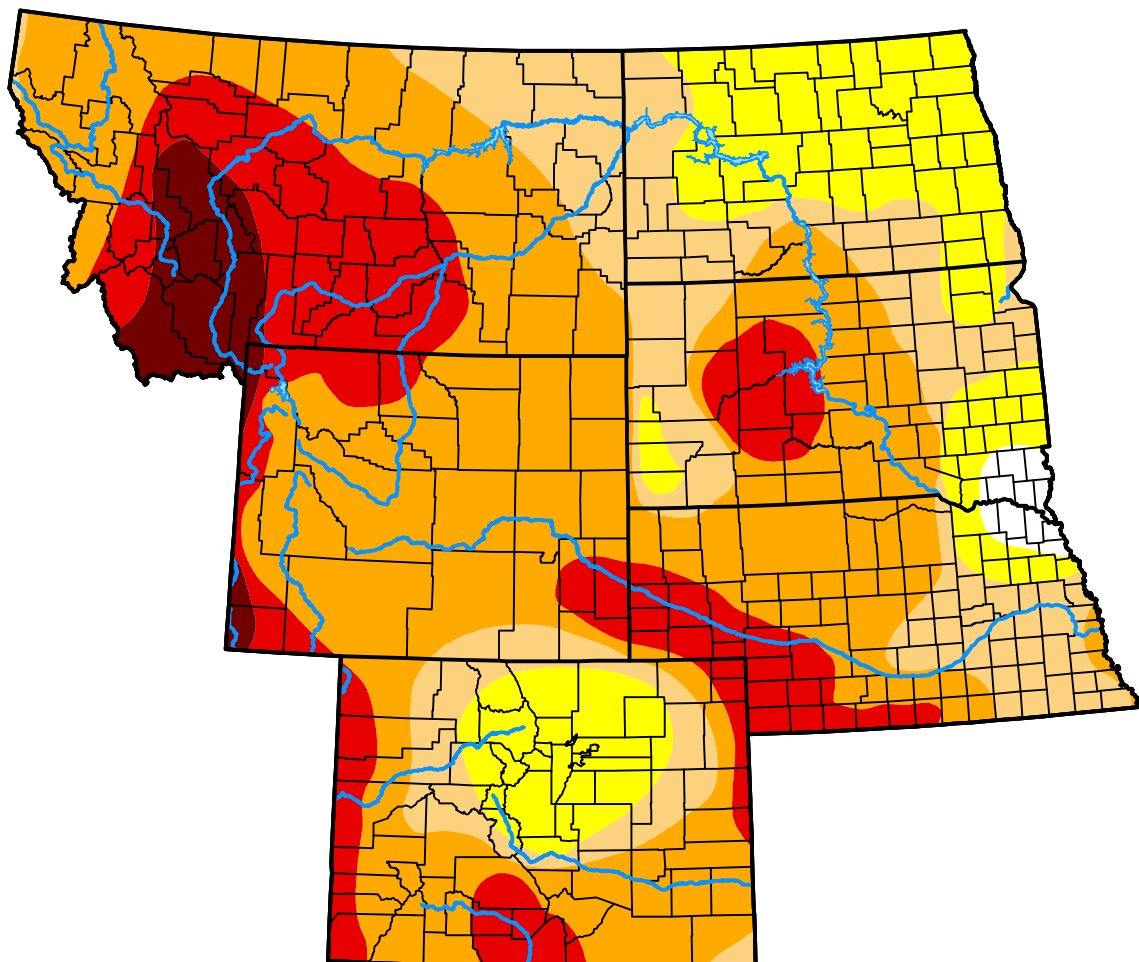


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.00	15.01	19.24	43.11	17.81	3.84
Last Week <i>11-25-2003</i>	0.91	15.04	19.97	40.92	19.19	3.97
3 Months Ago <i>09-02-2003</i>	0.00	14.47	18.88	37.12	27.78	1.74
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>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	14.94	22.87	36.55	21.28	3.57
One Year Ago <i>12-03-2002</i>	11.17	12.45	10.25	21.64	41.01	3.49

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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