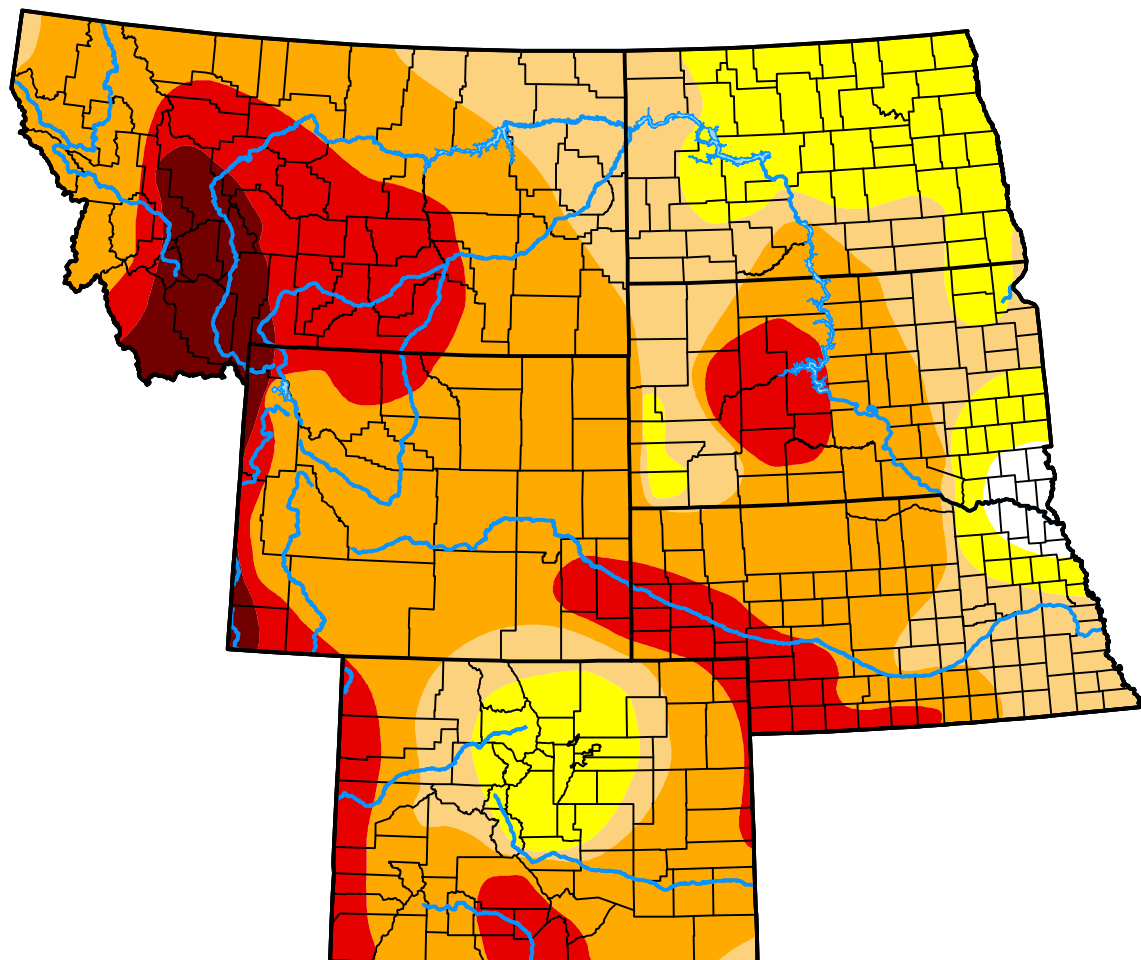


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.96	13.83	18.91	45.07	17.36	3.87
Last Week <i>12-02-2003</i>	1.00	15.01	19.24	43.11	17.81	3.84
3 Months Ago <i>09-09-2003</i>	0.00	15.27	13.99	37.85	29.00	3.89
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>12-10-2002</i>	6.65	13.67	9.54	23.75	42.24	4.15

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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