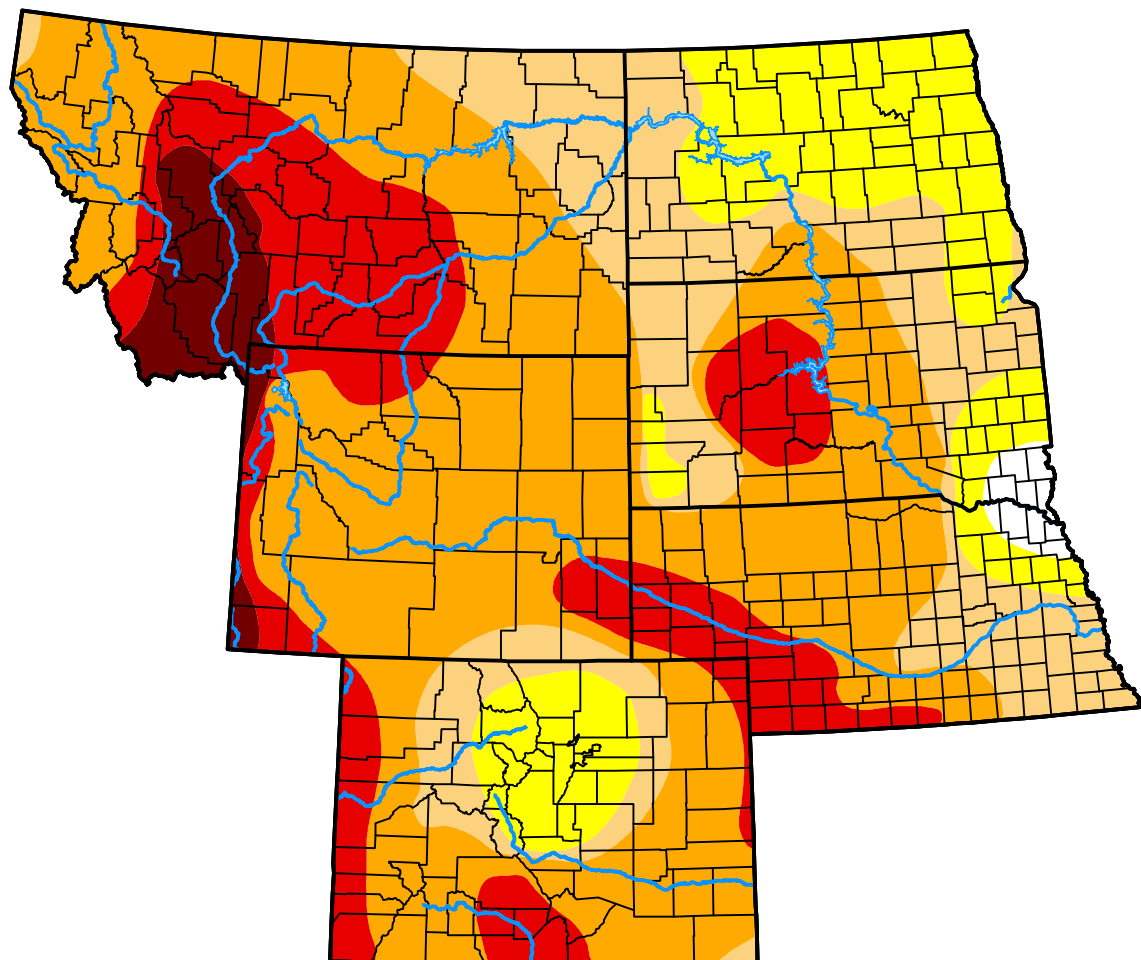


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.96	99.04	85.21	66.30	21.23	3.87
Last Week <i>12-02-2003</i>	1.00	99.00	84.00	64.76	21.65	3.84
3 Months Ago <i>09-09-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	84.73	70.74	32.89	3.89
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>12-10-2002</i>	6.65	93.35	79.68	70.14	46.39	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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