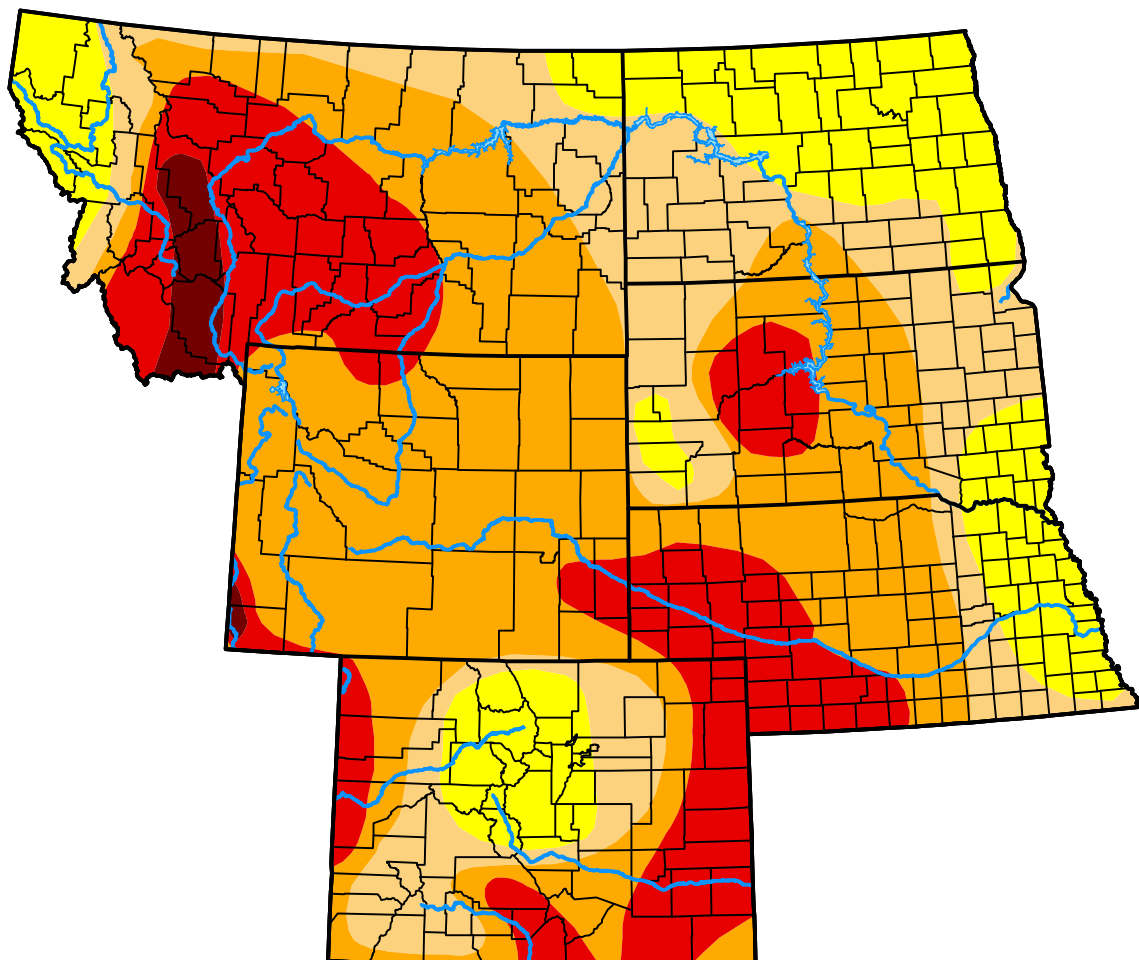


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.00	17.90	20.85	39.17	20.39	1.69
Last Week <i>02-10-2004</i>	0.00	18.65	20.15	39.12	20.39	1.69
3 Months Ago <i>11-18-2003</i>	0.90	14.79	20.16	40.75	19.85	3.55
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	16.29	18.77	42.96	18.35	3.63
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>02-18-2003</i>	0.01	15.92	11.93	17.06	45.64	9.44

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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