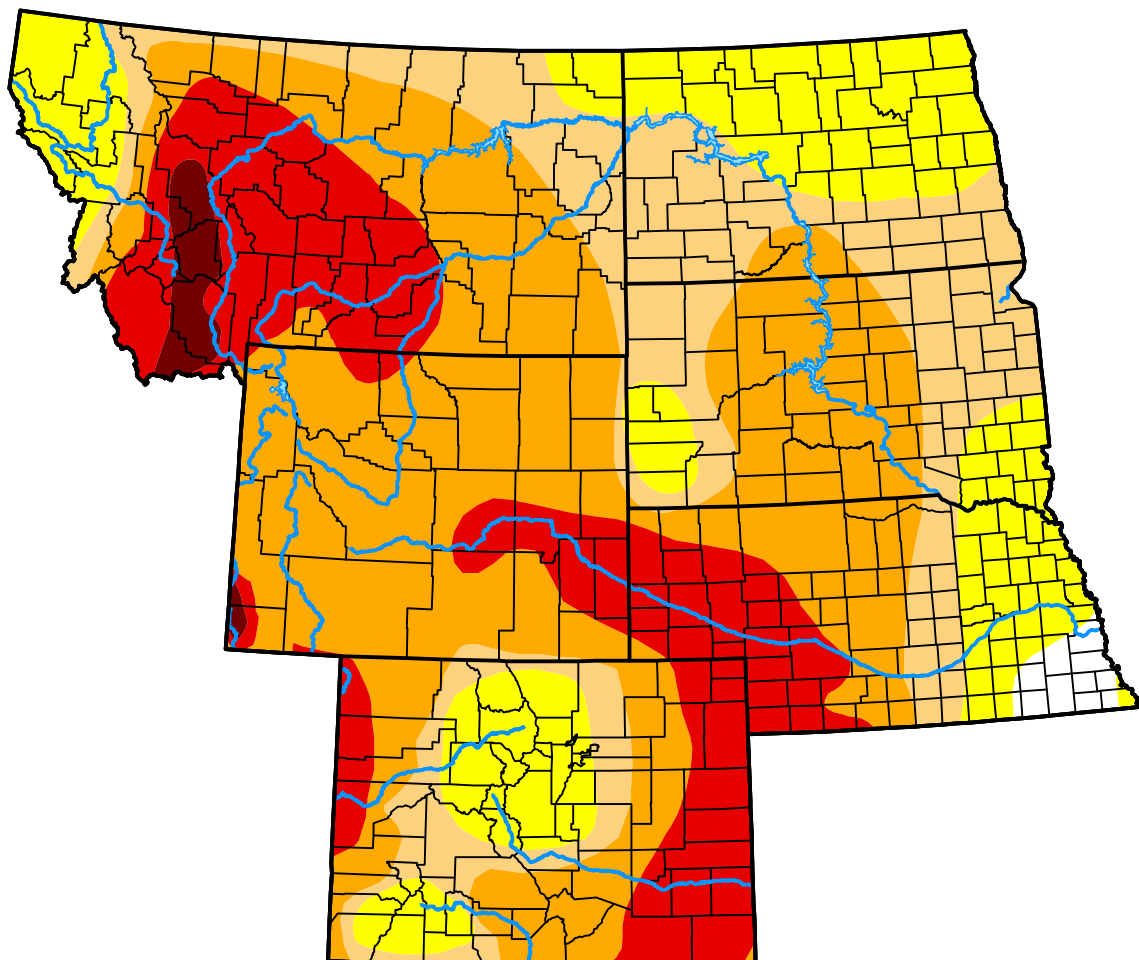


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.04	18.98	20.57	39.05	18.92	1.44
Last Week <i>03-02-2004</i>	0.00	20.08	21.31	37.72	19.24	1.65
3 Months Ago <i>12-09-2003</i>	0.96	13.83	18.91	45.07	17.36	3.87
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>03-11-2003</i>	0.03	11.43	14.02	19.58	46.15	8.78

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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