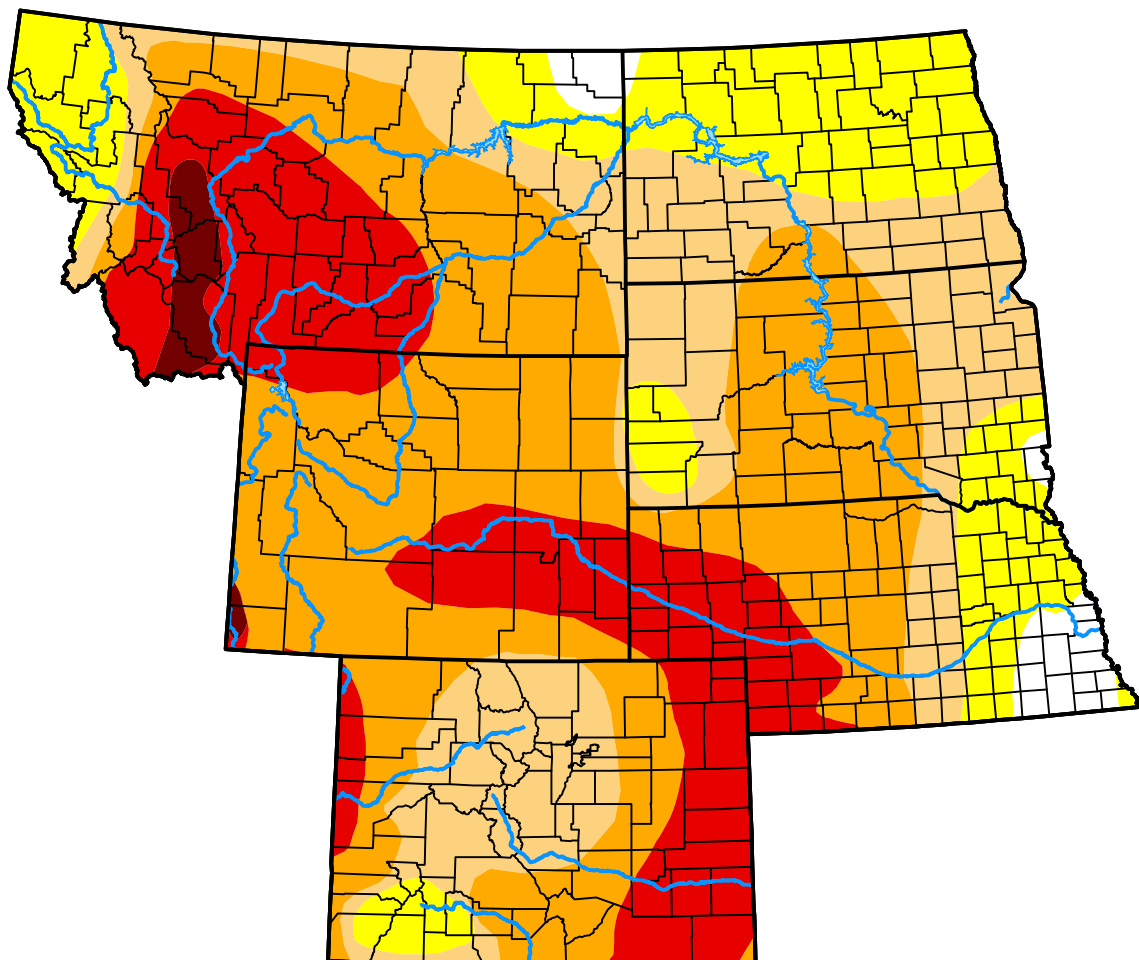


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	2.22	97.78	81.41	58.95	21.49	1.44
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-16-2004</i>	2.22	97.78	77.97	58.37	20.36	1.44
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-23-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	86.66	65.66	21.75	3.77
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	83.71	64.94	21.98	3.63
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	0.79	99.21	84.27	61.39	24.85	3.57
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-25-2003</i>	0.83	99.17	89.60	70.34	45.44	6.34

### 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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