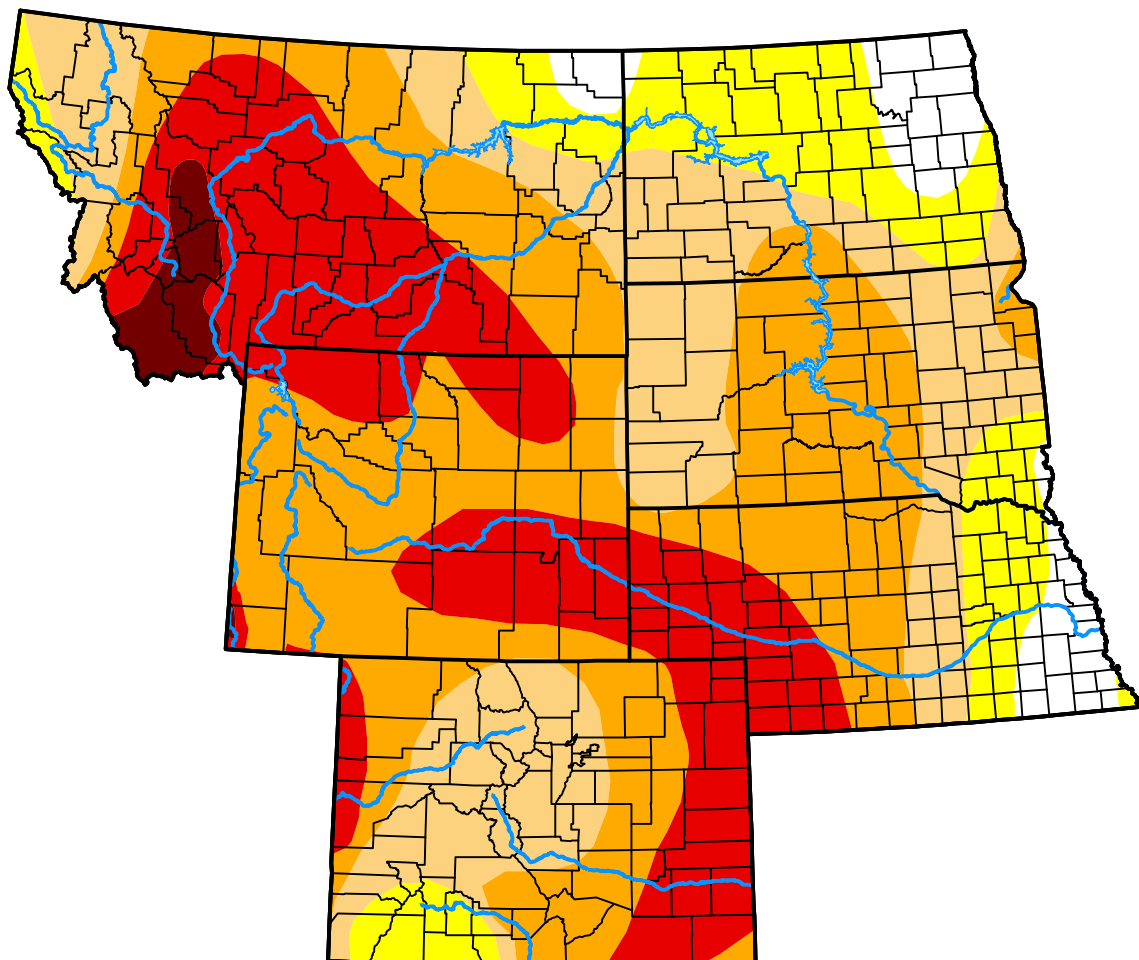


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.61	12.17	22.94	34.51	23.85	1.92
Last Week <i>04-13-2004</i>	4.62	15.61	21.06	35.29	21.50	1.91
3 Months Ago <i>01-20-2004</i>	0.00	17.41	22.30	38.00	19.87	2.42
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>04-22-2003</i>	4.32	9.99	21.76	30.65	31.91	1.37

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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