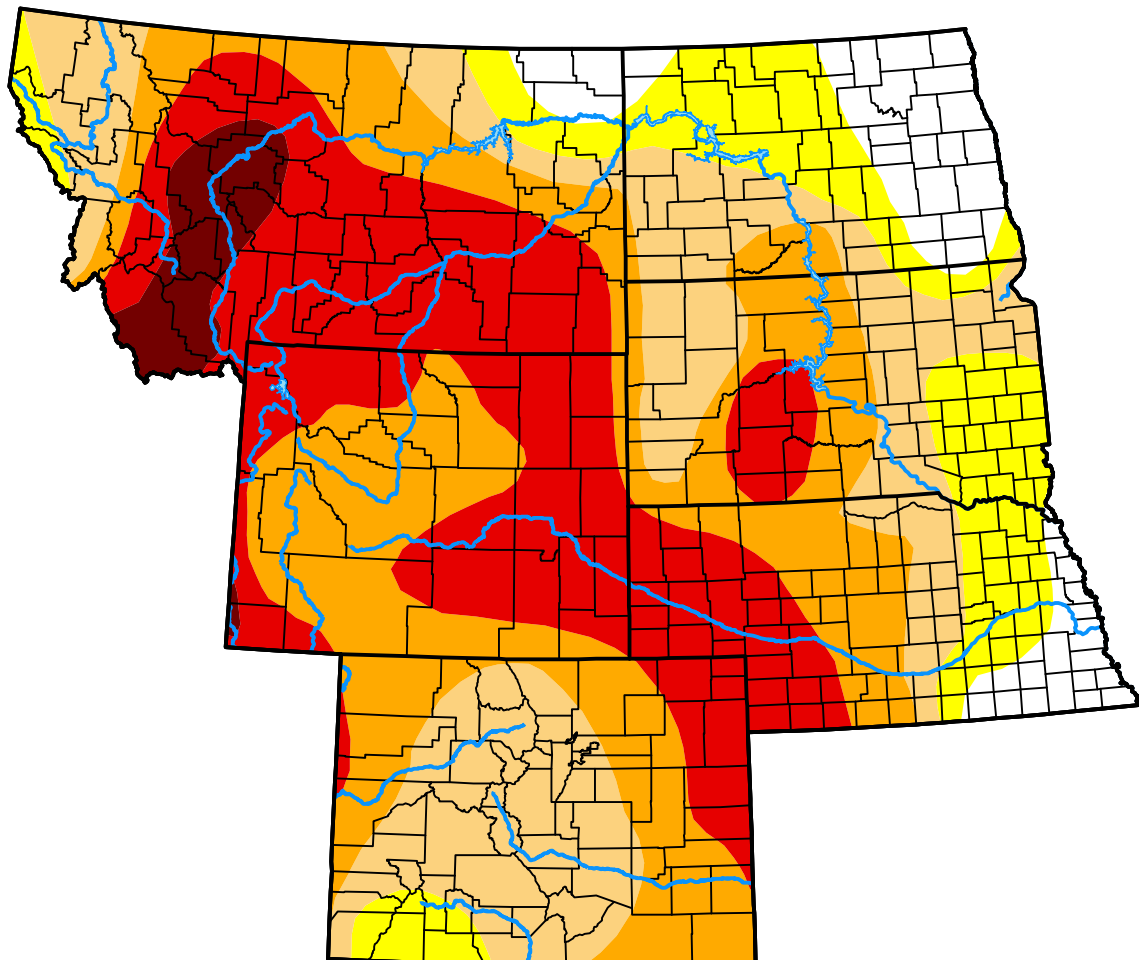


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	7.33	11.89	22.22	27.64	27.66	3.25
Last Week <i>05-11-2004</i>	4.61	12.23	21.56	29.64	28.71	3.25
3 Months Ago <i>02-17-2004</i>	0.00	17.90	20.85	39.17	20.39	1.69
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>05-20-2003</i>	17.78	13.57	27.76	26.21	12.79	1.89

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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