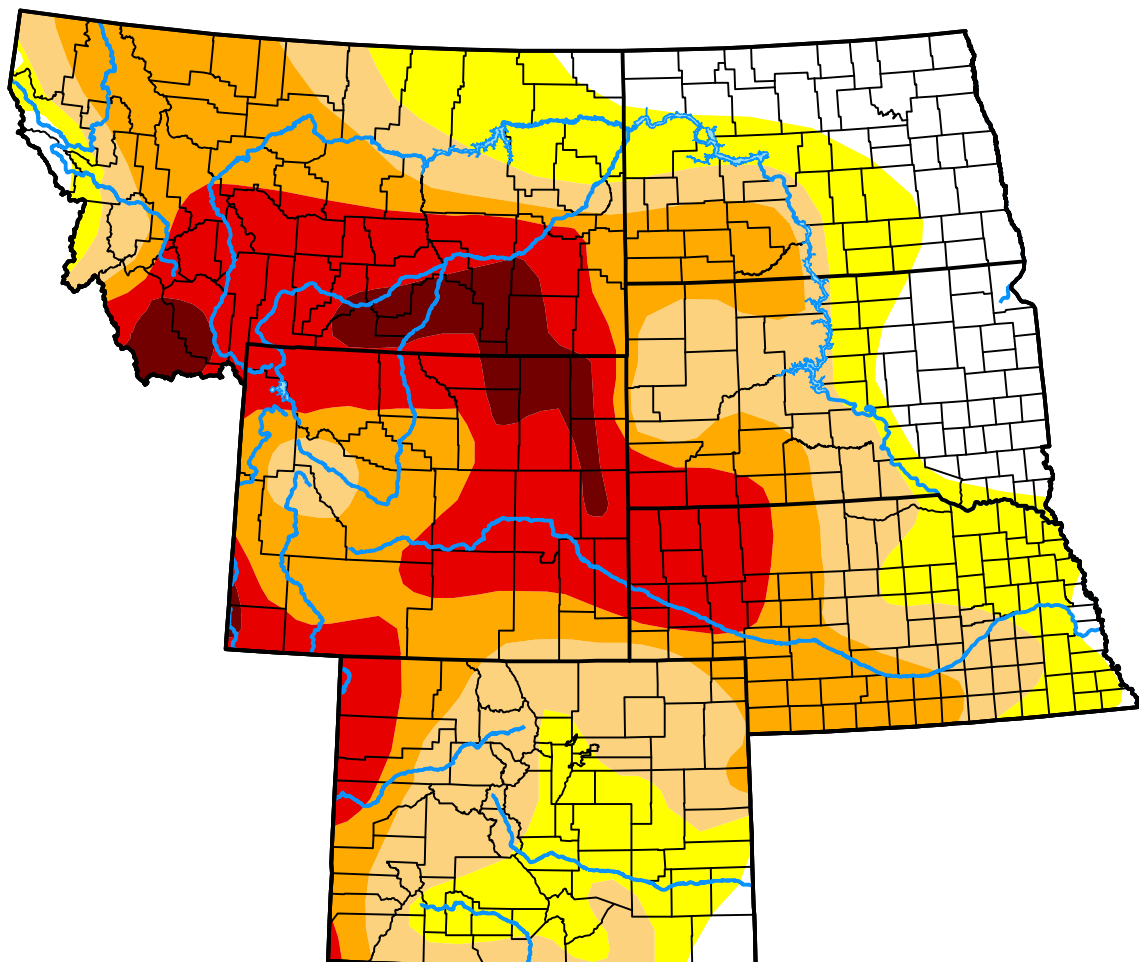


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	12.13	18.08	22.40	24.01	19.16	4.22
Last Week <i>08-10-2004</i>	15.79	16.27	21.76	25.16	16.80	4.22
3 Months Ago <i>05-18-2004</i>	7.33	11.89	22.22	27.64	27.66	3.25
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>08-19-2003</i>	0.00	20.83	20.04	28.14	28.44	2.56

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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