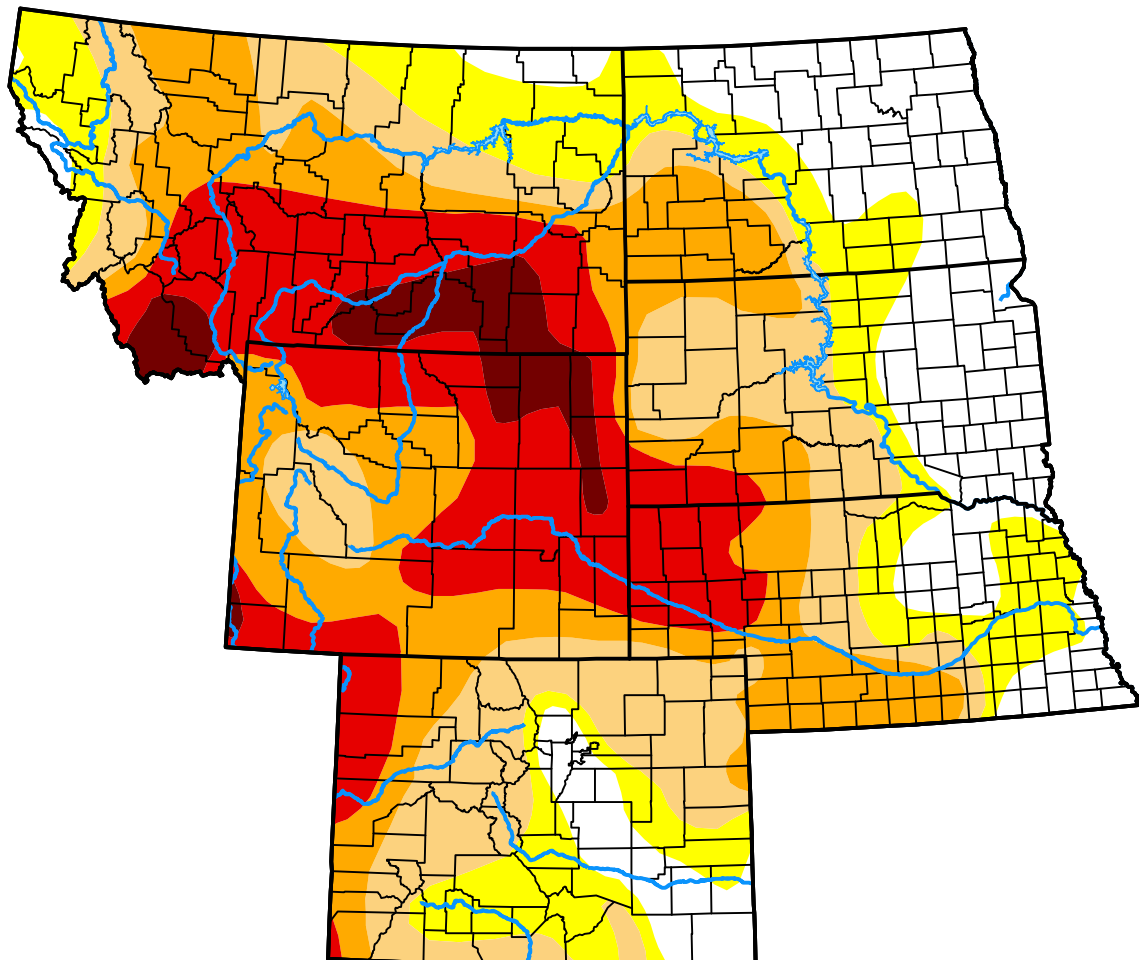


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



August 24, 2004
(Released Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004)
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.74	16.32	21.64	21.78	18.29	4.23
Last Week <i>08-17-2004</i>	12.13	18.08	22.40	24.01	19.16	4.22
3 Months Ago <i>05-25-2004</i>	10.85	9.40	23.20	25.66	28.88	2.01
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>08-26-2003</i>	0.00	13.81	20.81	31.18	31.40	2.79

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>

Author:

David Miskus
 NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC



droughtmonitor.unl.edu