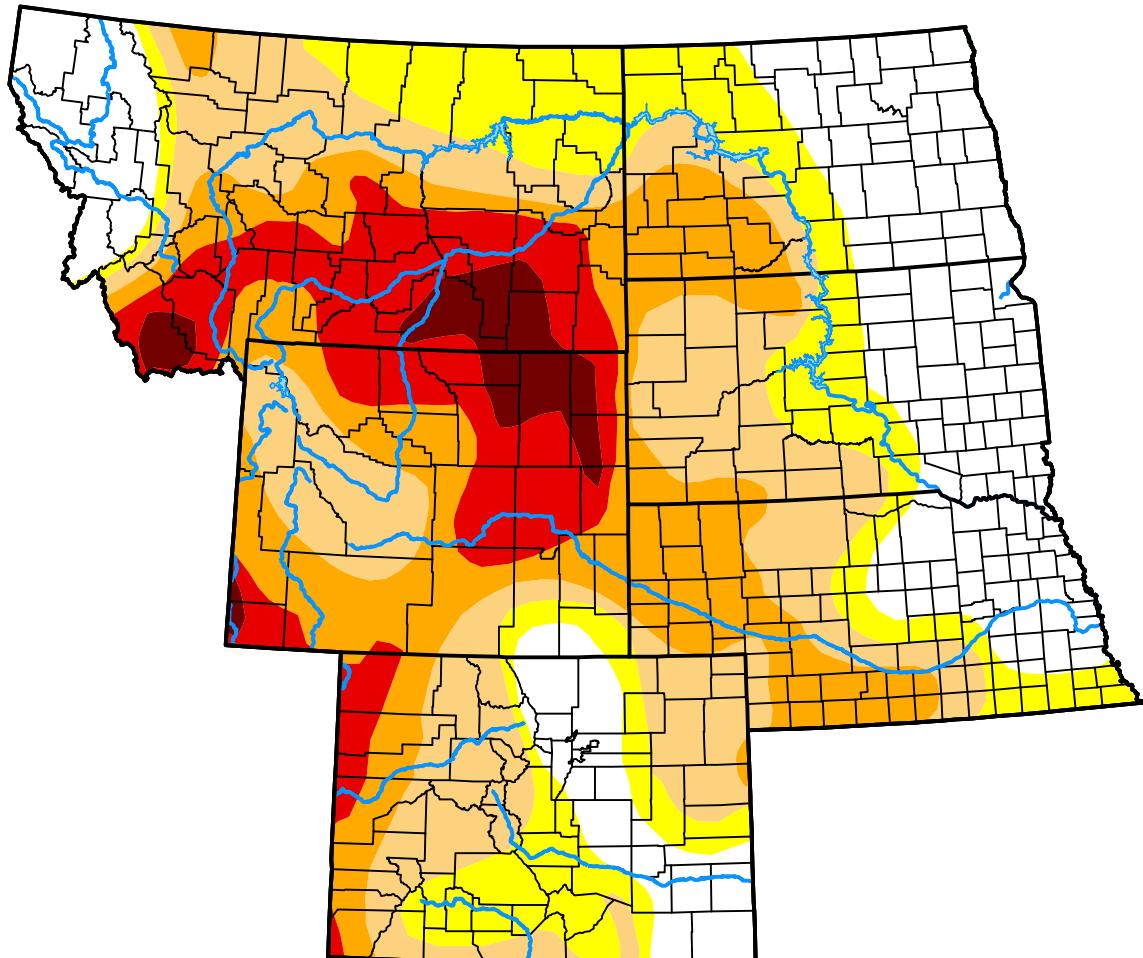


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains

## Climate Hub



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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.87	76.13	59.33	34.75	14.57	3.19
Last Week 10-12-2004	24.23	75.77	59.88	37.04	14.70	3.35
3 Months Ago 07-20-2004	16.78	83.22	69.68	50.86	21.16	5.27
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2003	0.00	100.00	83.71	64.94	21.98	3.63
Start of Water Year 09-28-2004	25.67	74.33	60.29	38.26	16.18	3.35
One Year Ago 10-21-2003	0.87	99.13	84.09	67.94	24.76	3.38

### 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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