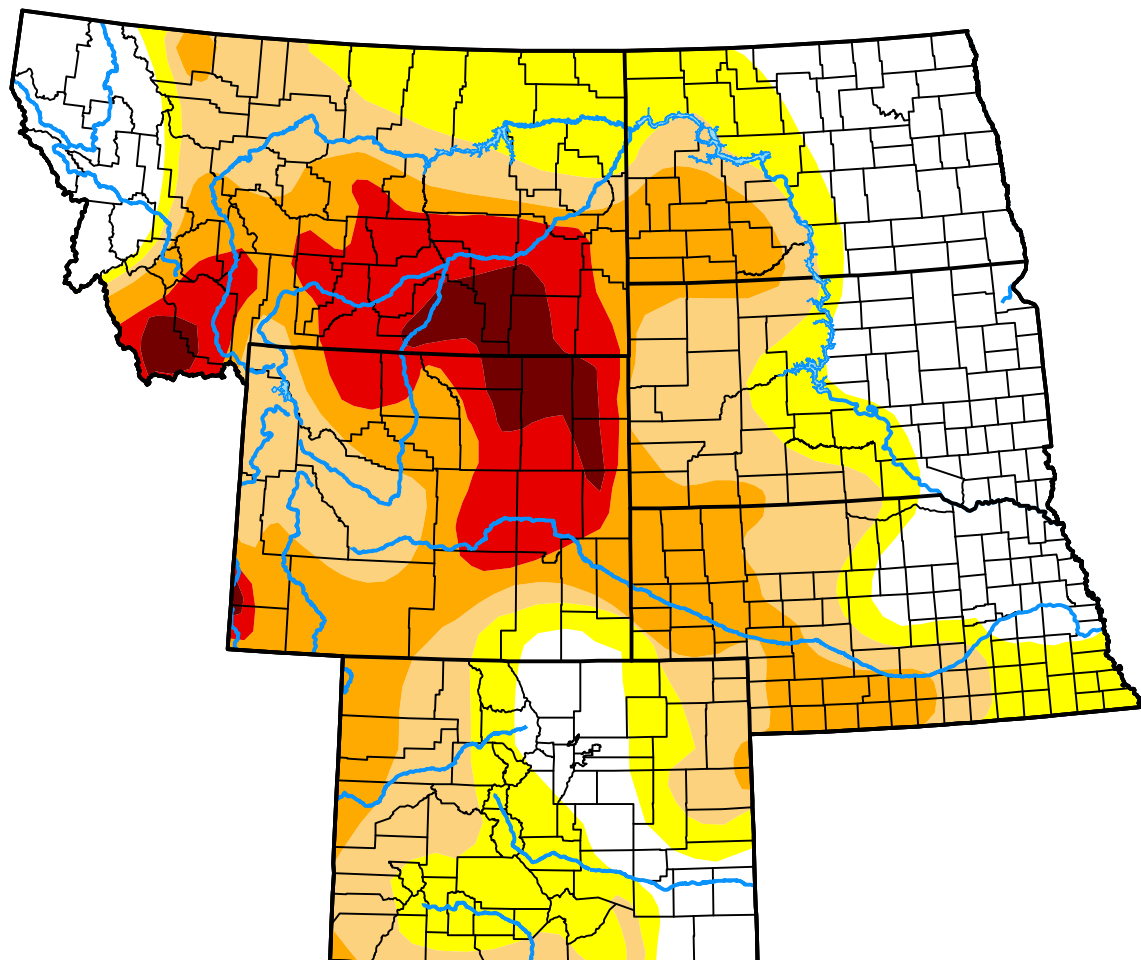


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	24.26	19.38	23.99	19.94	9.30	3.13
Last Week <i>11-30-2004</i>	24.26	19.74	23.63	19.94	9.30	3.13
3 Months Ago <i>09-07-2004</i>	20.25	16.59	22.15	22.97	14.04	4.01
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>09-28-2004</i>	25.67	14.04	22.03	22.08	12.83	3.35
One Year Ago <i>12-09-2003</i>	0.96	13.83	18.91	45.07	17.36	3.87

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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