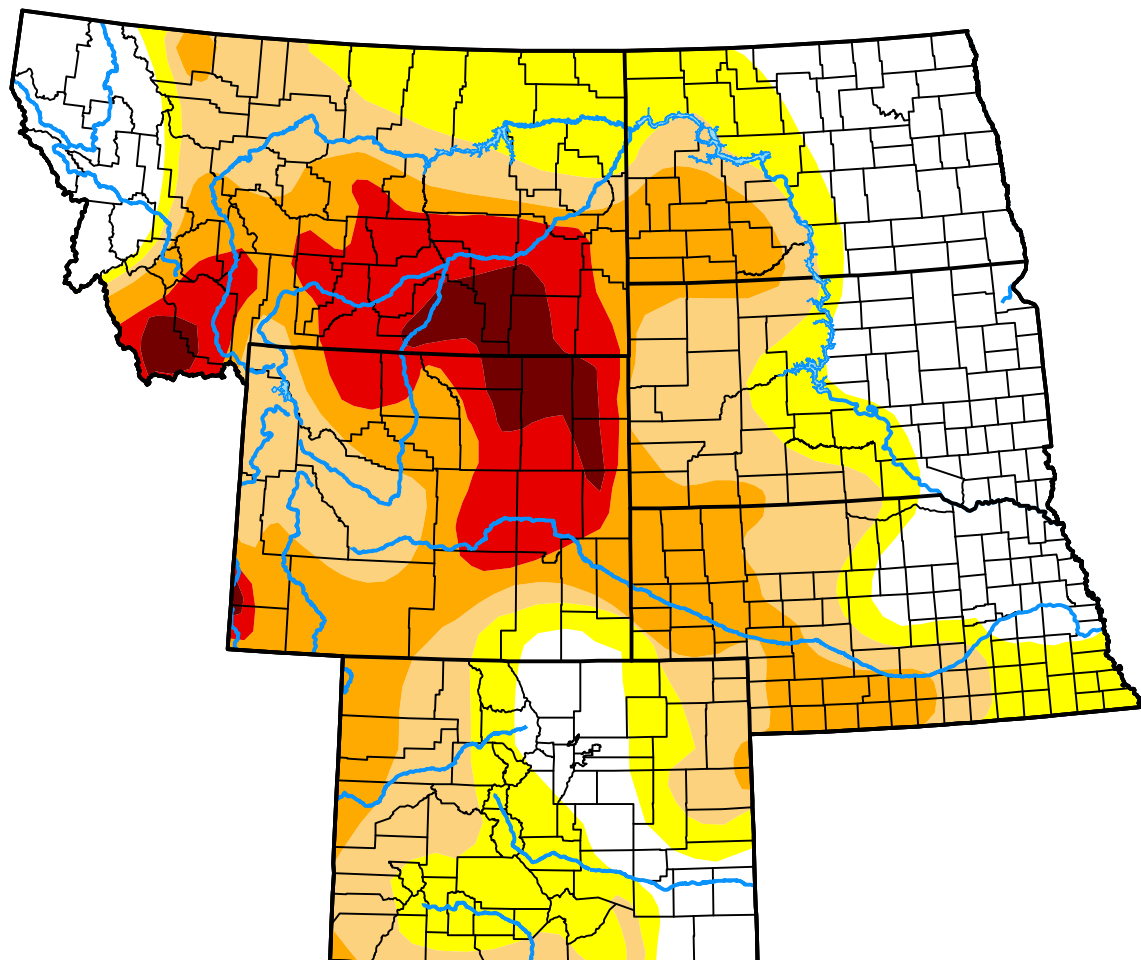


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.26	75.74	56.36	32.37	12.43	3.13
Last Week <i>11-30-2004</i>	24.26	75.74	56.00	32.37	12.43	3.13
3 Months Ago <i>09-07-2004</i>	20.25	79.75	63.16	41.01	18.05	4.01
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	0.00	100.00	83.71	64.94	21.98	3.63
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	25.67	74.33	60.29	38.26	16.18	3.35
One Year Ago <i>12-09-2003</i>	0.96	99.04	85.21	66.30	21.23	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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