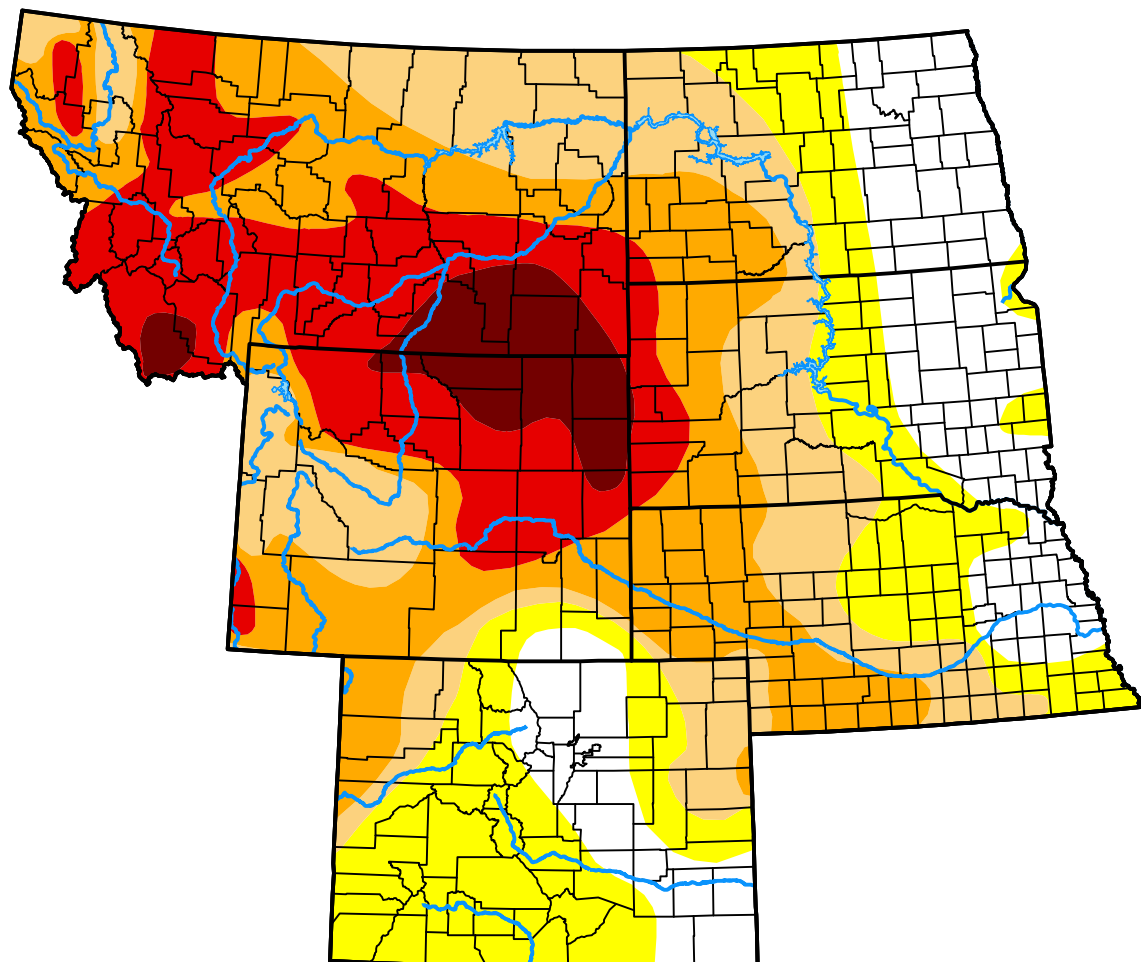


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.91	84.09	64.49	44.10	21.75	4.95
Last Week <i>02-08-2005</i>	17.05	82.95	60.44	42.70	20.15	4.95
3 Months Ago <i>11-16-2004</i>	24.10	75.90	58.43	33.80	14.25	3.13
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	21.51	78.49	58.40	35.73	13.88	3.27
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>02-17-2004</i>	0.00	100.00	82.10	61.24	22.08	1.69

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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