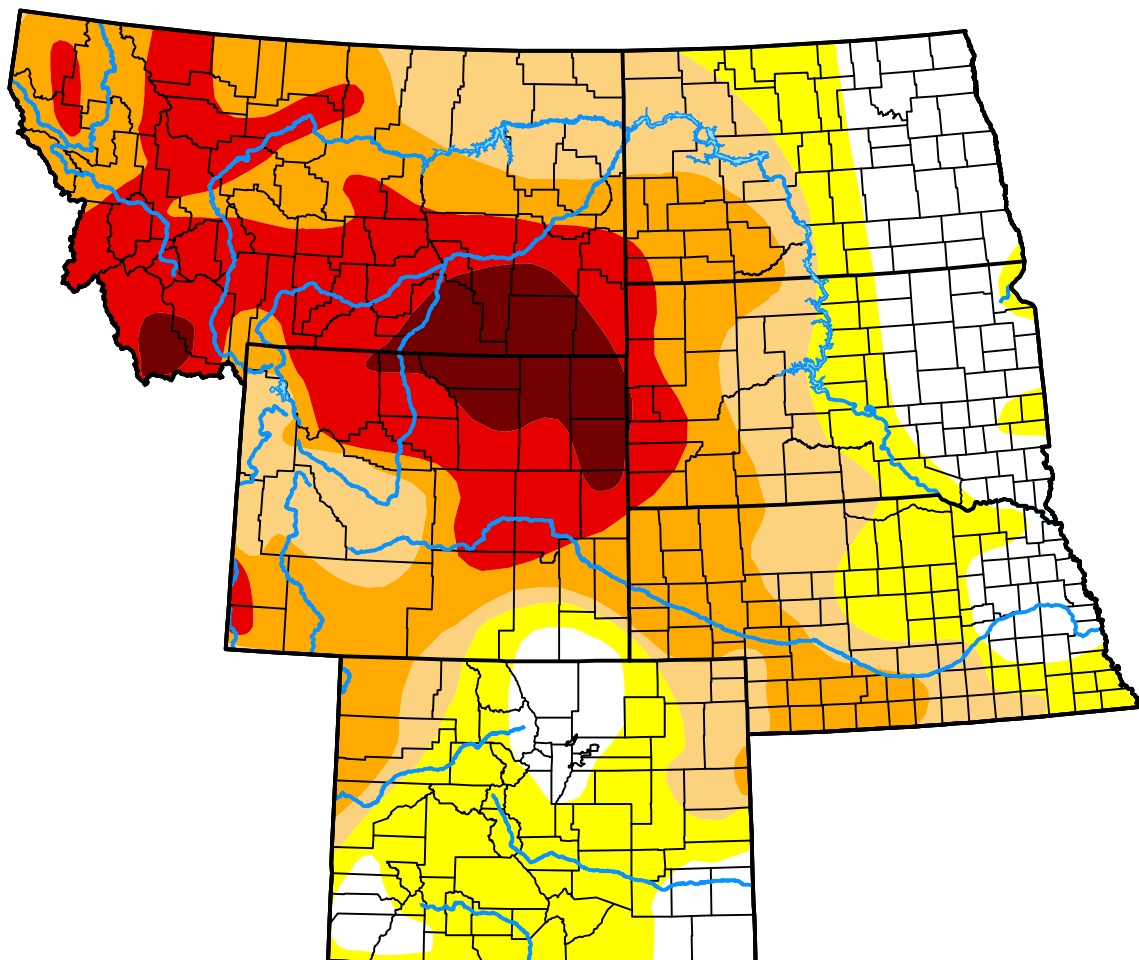


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**February 22, 2005**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 15.48 | 20.02 | 19.00 | 23.38 | 17.16 | 4.95 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-15-2005</i>              | 15.91 | 19.60 | 20.39 | 22.35 | 16.80 | 4.95 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-23-2004</i>           | 24.10 | 17.47 | 24.63 | 19.55 | 11.12 | 3.13 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2005</i> | 21.51 | 20.08 | 22.67 | 21.85 | 10.61 | 3.27 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>    | 25.67 | 14.04 | 22.03 | 22.08 | 12.83 | 3.35 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-24-2004</i>           | 0.00  | 17.90 | 20.85 | 37.73 | 21.83 | 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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