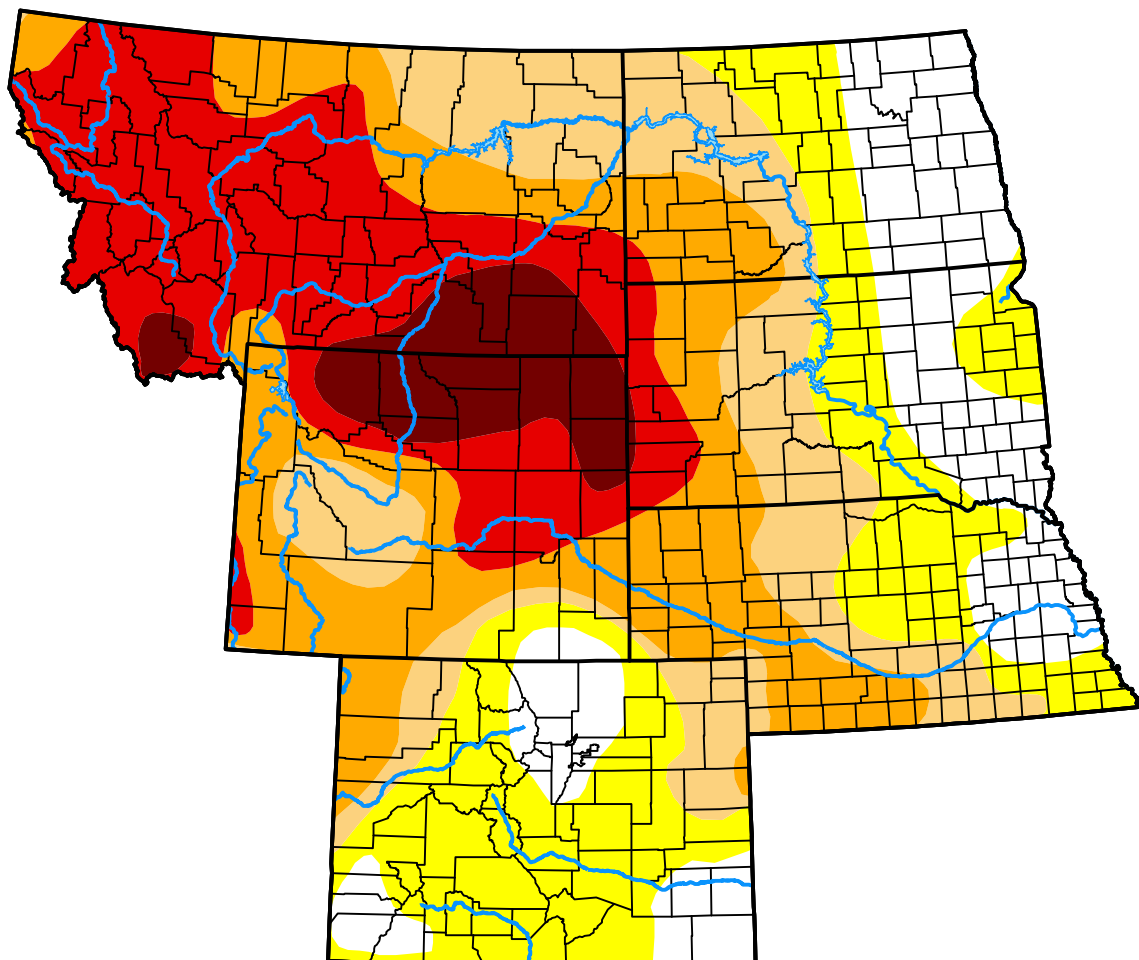


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.78	20.74	17.71	20.34	19.97	6.46
Last Week <i>03-08-2005</i>	14.78	20.74	17.71	24.29	16.03	6.46
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2004</i>	24.26	18.65	24.72	19.94	9.30	3.13
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	21.51	20.08	22.67	21.85	10.61	3.27
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>03-16-2004</i>	2.22	19.81	19.60	38.01	18.92	1.44

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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