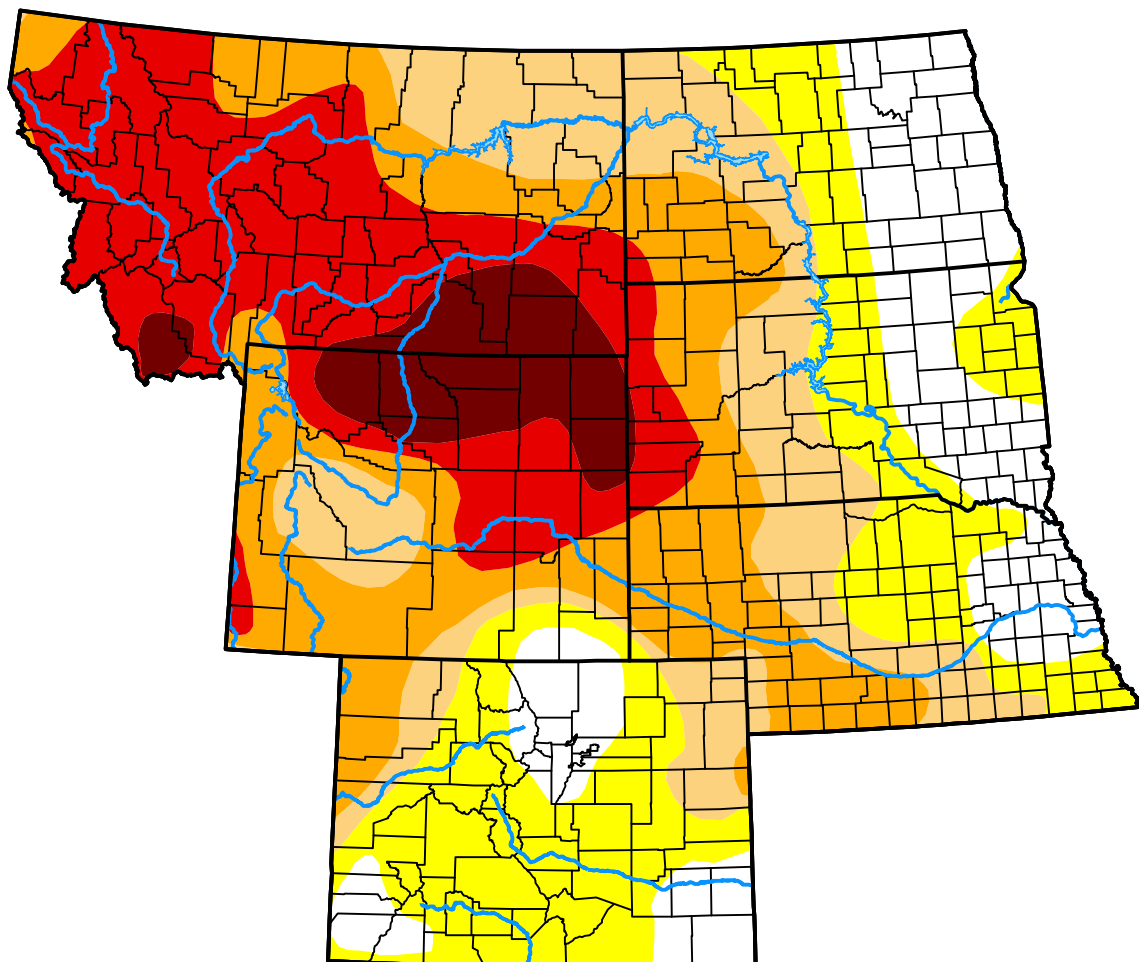


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.78	85.22	64.48	46.77	26.43	6.46
Last Week <i>03-08-2005</i>	14.78	85.22	64.48	46.77	22.48	6.46
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2004</i>	24.26	75.74	57.09	32.37	12.43	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>03-16-2004</i>	2.22	97.78	77.97	58.37	20.36	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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