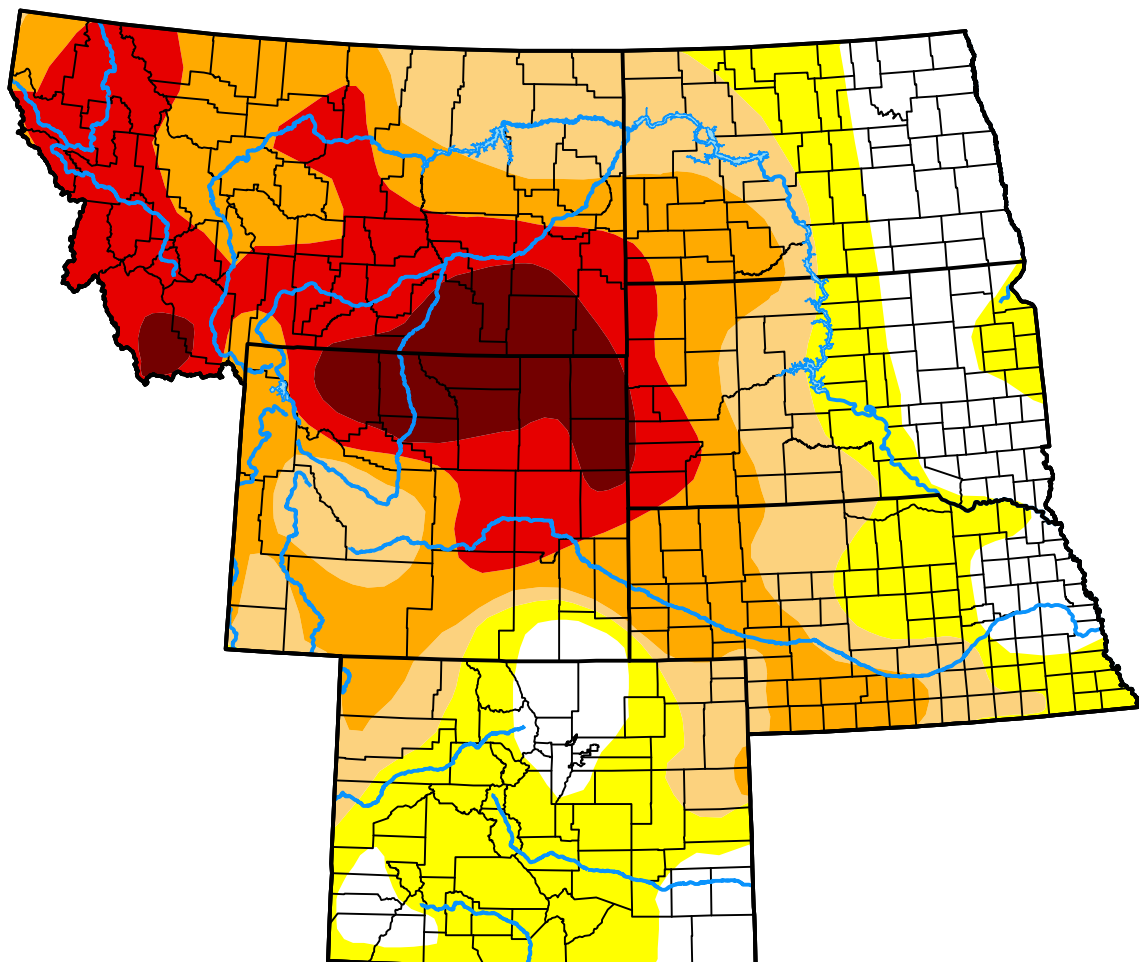


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**March 29, 2005**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 14.74 | 85.26 | 64.12 | 45.36 | 22.91 | 6.46 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-22-2005</i>              | 14.78 | 85.22 | 64.48 | 46.77 | 26.43 | 6.46 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-28-2004</i>           | 21.51 | 78.49 | 58.40 | 35.73 | 13.88 | 3.27 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2005</i> | 21.51 | 78.49 | 58.40 | 35.73 | 13.88 | 3.27 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2004</i>    | 25.67 | 74.33 | 60.29 | 38.26 | 16.18 | 3.35 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-30-2004</i>           | 4.69  | 95.31 | 80.05 | 59.39 | 22.34 | 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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