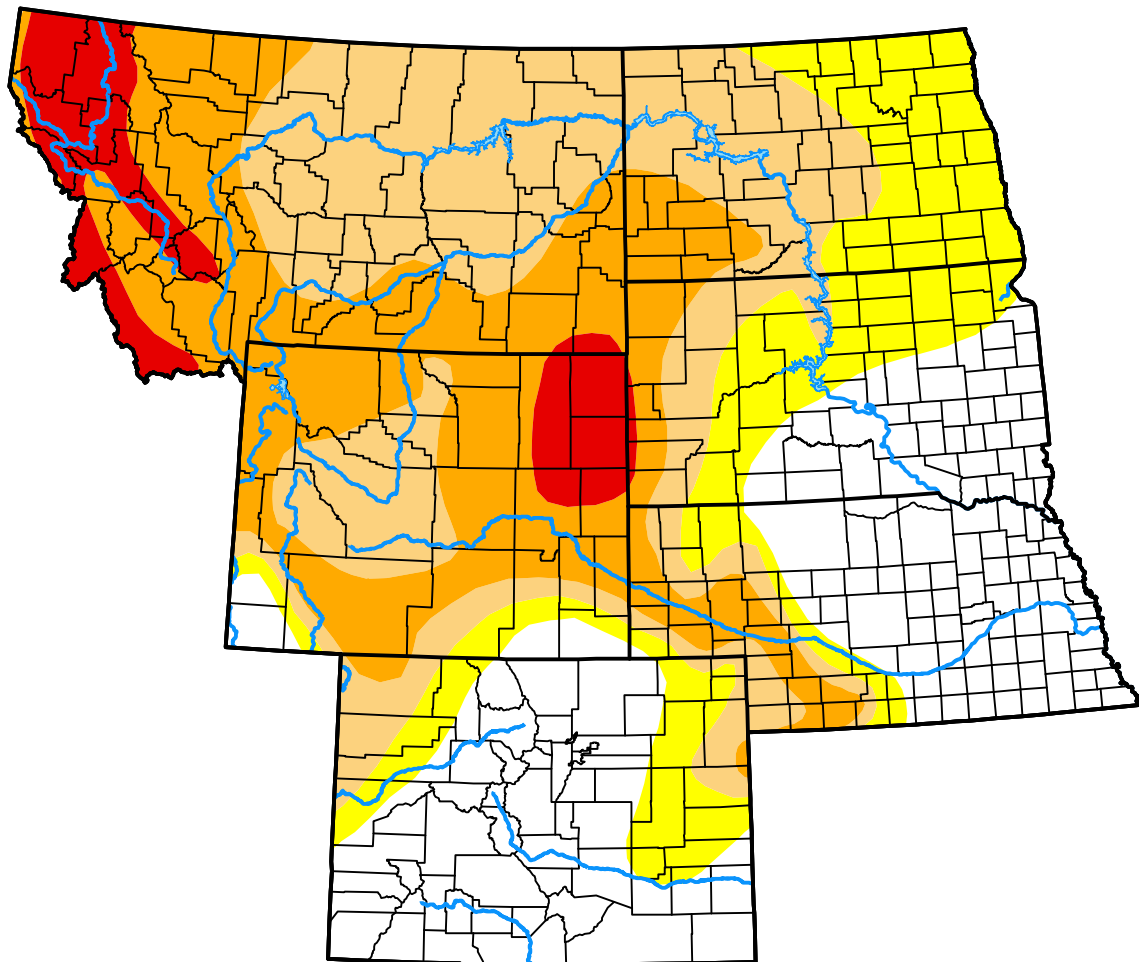


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	27.93	15.45	26.90	23.67	6.04	0.00
Last Week <i>05-10-2005</i>	21.61	18.10	20.03	30.79	9.46	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-15-2005</i>	15.91	19.60	20.39	22.35	16.80	4.95
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>05-18-2004</i>	7.33	11.89	22.22	27.64	27.66	3.25

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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