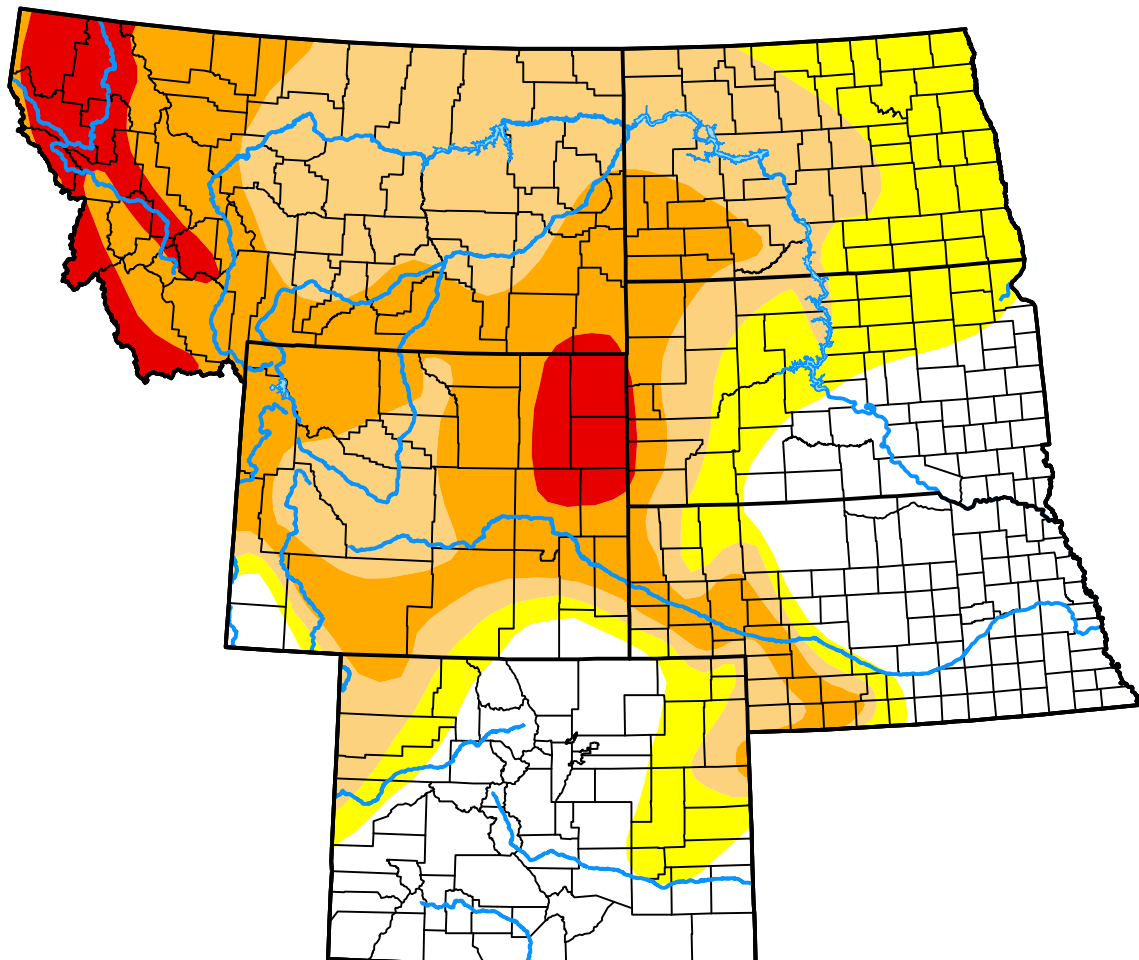


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.93	72.07	56.61	29.72	6.04	0.00
Last Week <i>05-10-2005</i>	21.61	78.39	60.29	40.25	9.46	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-15-2005</i>	15.91	84.09	64.49	44.10	21.75	4.95
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>05-18-2004</i>	7.33	92.67	80.78	58.55	30.91	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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