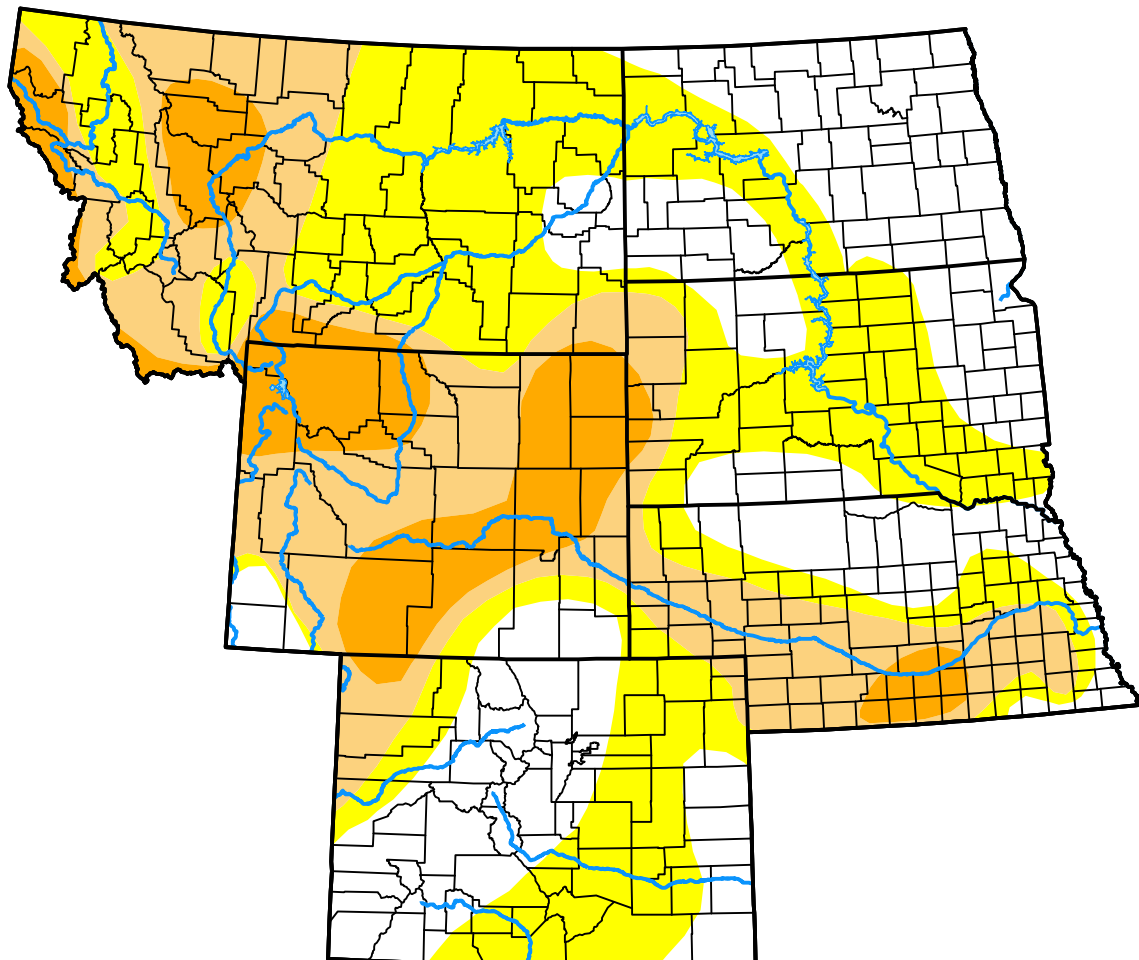


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	30.55	35.22	21.69	12.54	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-09-2005</i>	22.94	39.16	22.15	15.75	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-17-2005</i>	27.93	15.45	26.90	23.67	6.04	0.00
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>08-17-2004</i>	12.13	18.08	22.40	24.01	19.16	4.22

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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