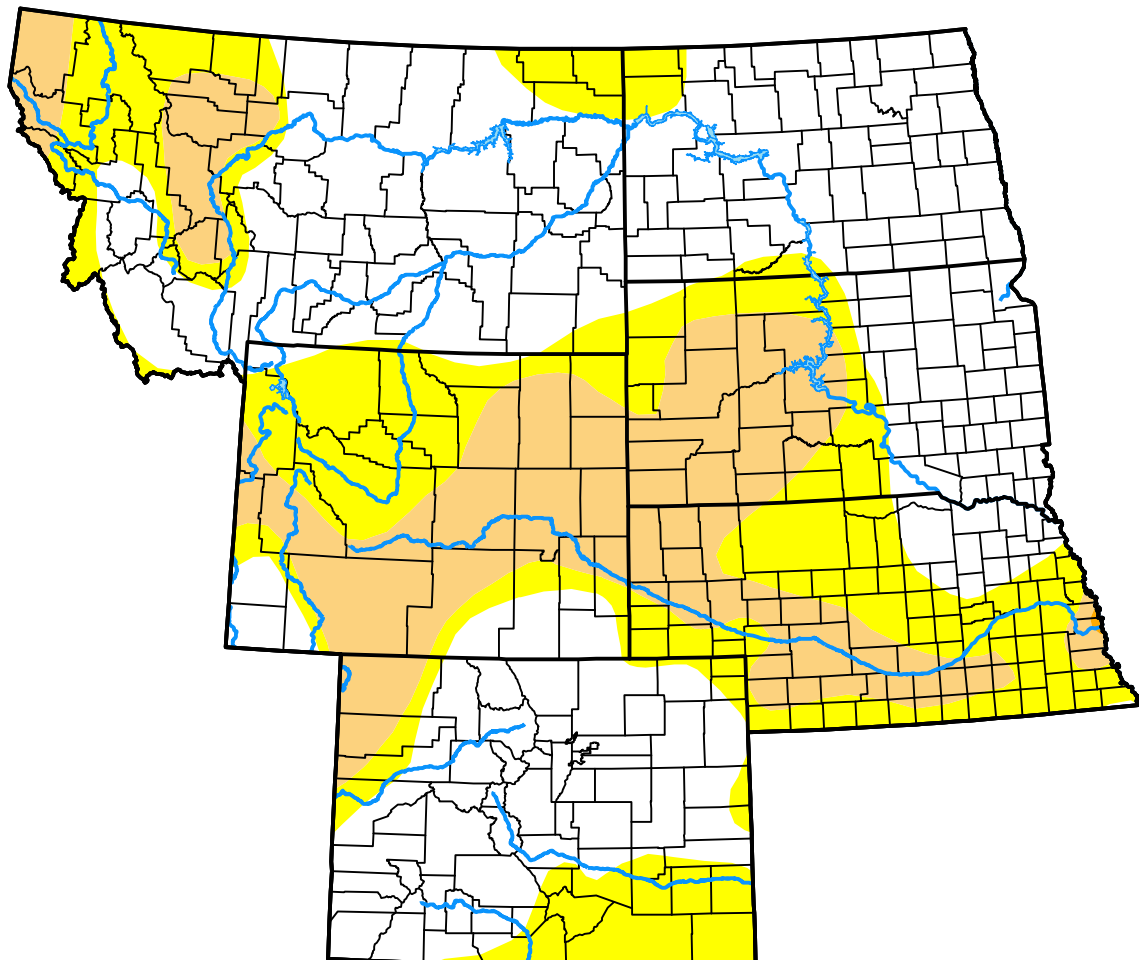


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	51.25	27.41	21.31	0.03	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-13-2005	54.90	25.04	20.03	0.03	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-20-2005	29.37	35.92	24.00	10.70	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2005	21.51	20.08	22.67	21.85	10.61	3.27
Start of Water Year 09-27-2005	30.88	34.75	25.01	9.35	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-21-2004	22.00	19.60	23.41	21.82	9.90	3.27

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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