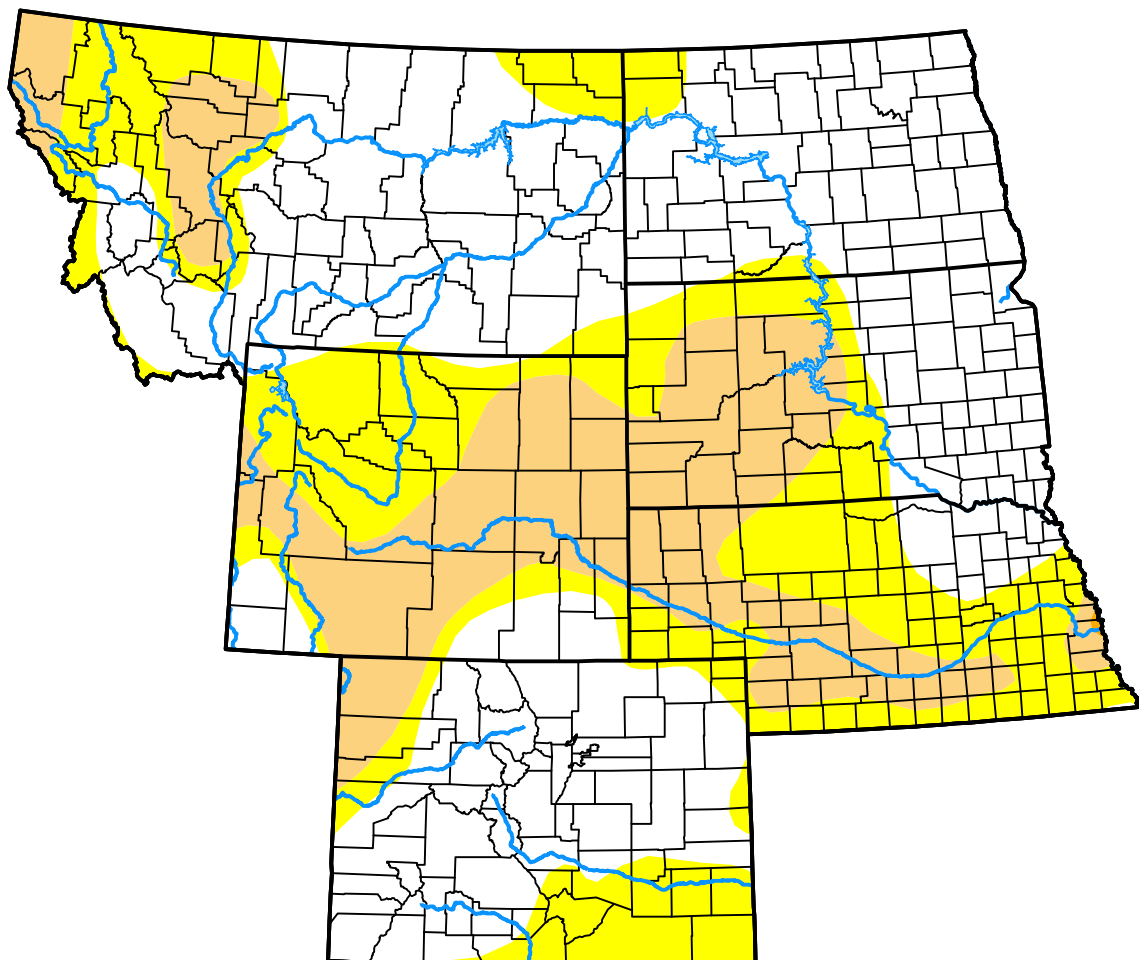


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**December 20, 2005**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 51.25 | 48.75 | 21.34 | 0.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-13-2005              | 54.90 | 45.10 | 20.06 | 0.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-20-2005           | 29.37 | 70.63 | 34.71 | 10.70 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-04-2005 | 21.51 | 78.49 | 58.40 | 35.73 | 13.88 | 3.27 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2005    | 30.88 | 69.12 | 34.37 | 9.35  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-21-2004           | 22.00 | 78.00 | 58.40 | 34.99 | 13.17 | 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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