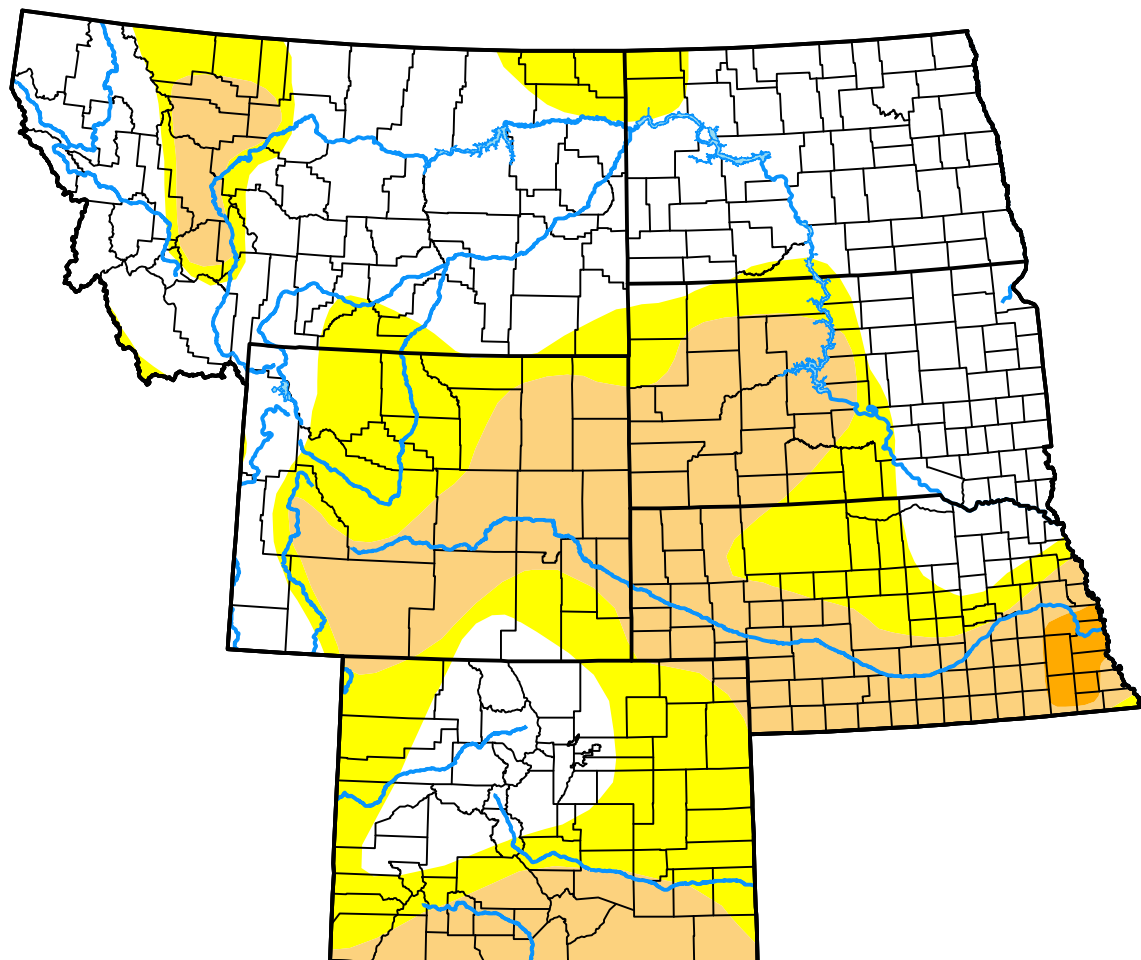


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**February 14, 2006**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 46.83 | 25.65 | 26.77 | 0.75  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-07-2006</i>              | 46.83 | 25.93 | 26.49 | 0.75  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-15-2005</i>           | 39.65 | 36.26 | 24.09 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 49.75 | 29.62 | 20.60 | 0.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 30.88 | 34.75 | 25.01 | 9.35  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-15-2005</i>           | 15.91 | 19.60 | 20.39 | 22.35 | 16.80 | 4.95 |

**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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