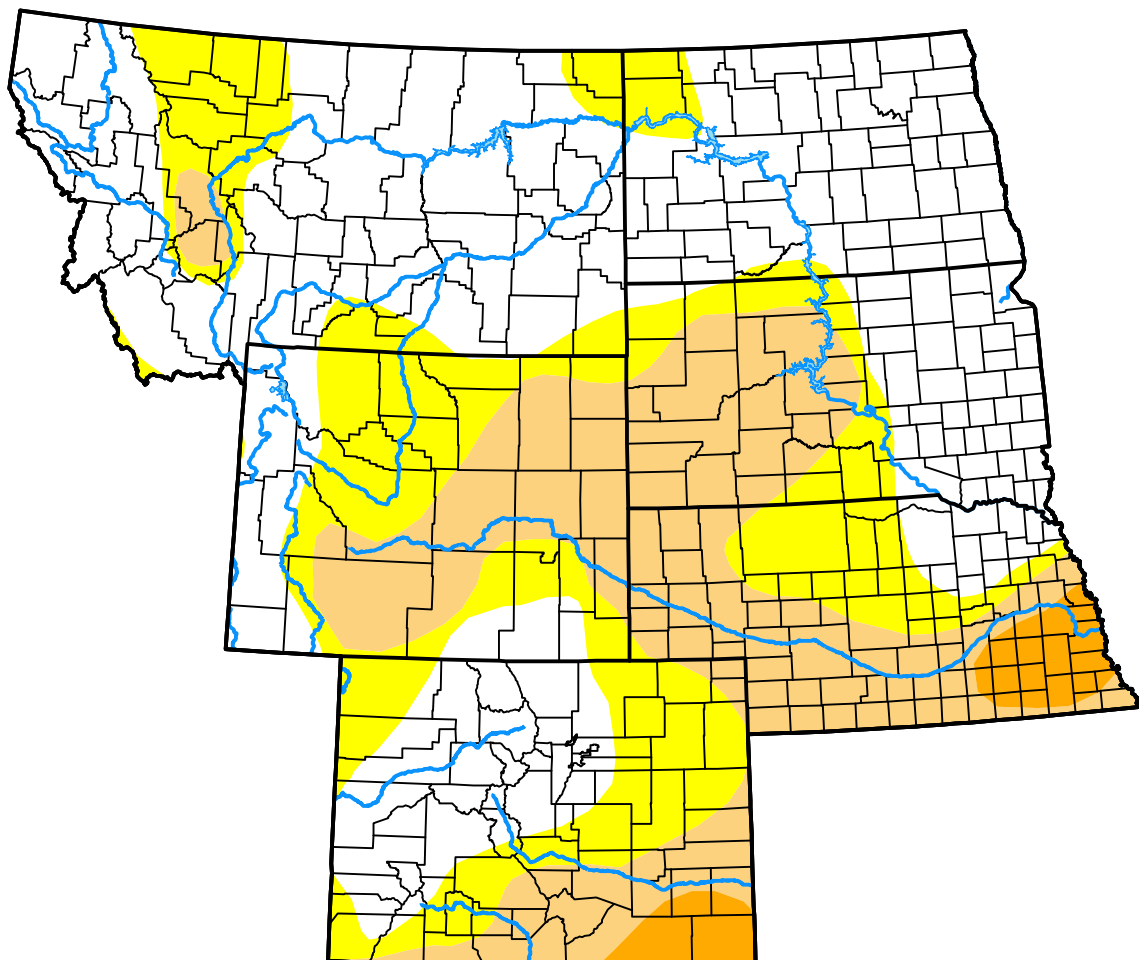


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	49.69	24.36	23.11	2.83	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-07-2006</i>	47.96	26.29	23.92	1.83	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	54.90	25.04	20.03	0.03	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	29.62	20.60	0.03	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	30.88	34.75	25.01	9.35	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-15-2005</i>	14.78	20.74	17.71	20.34	19.97	6.46

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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