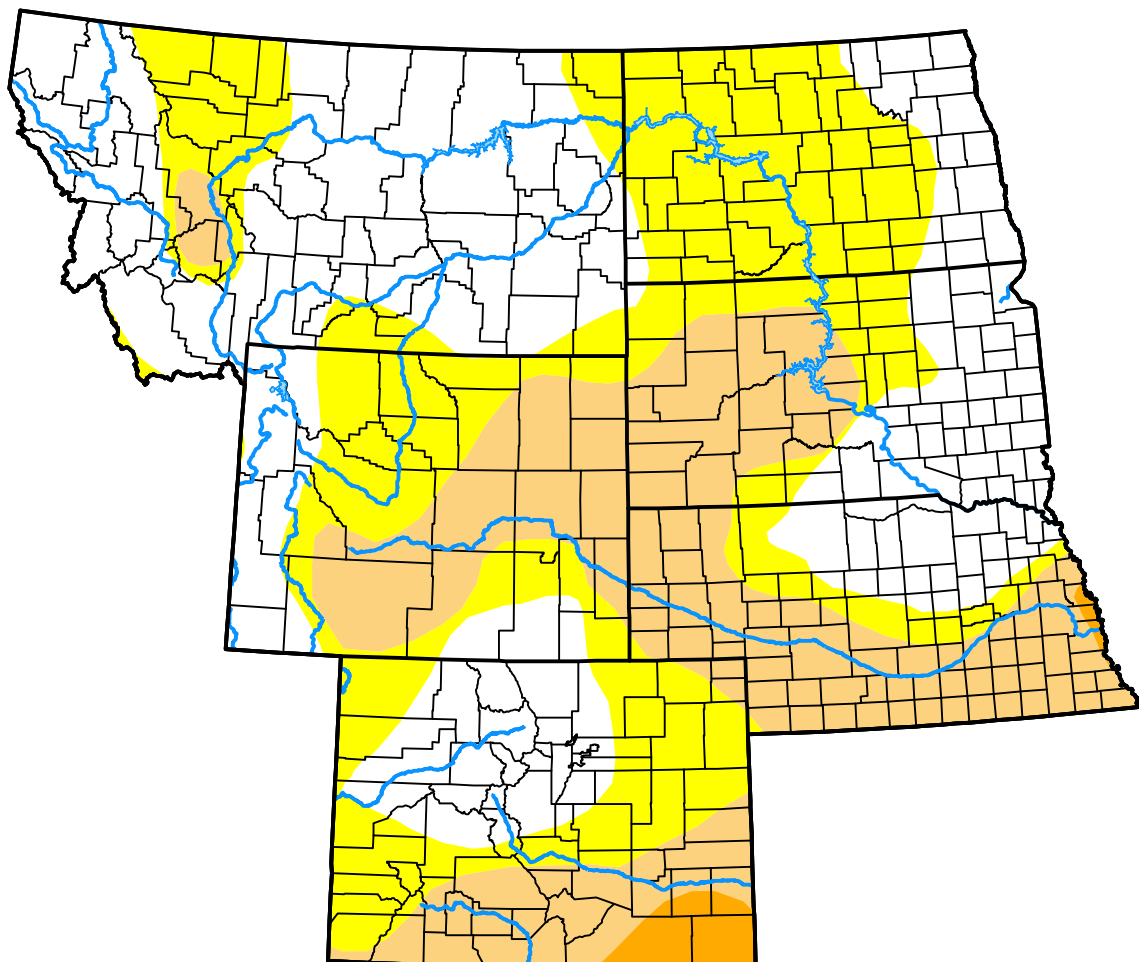


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**March 28, 2006**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 41.37 | 58.63 | 26.17 | 1.33  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-21-2006</i>              | 39.38 | 60.62 | 25.22 | 1.33  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-27-2005</i>           | 51.25 | 48.75 | 21.47 | 0.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 49.75 | 50.25 | 20.63 | 0.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 30.88 | 69.12 | 34.37 | 9.35  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-29-2005</i>           | 14.74 | 85.26 | 64.12 | 45.36 | 22.91 | 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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