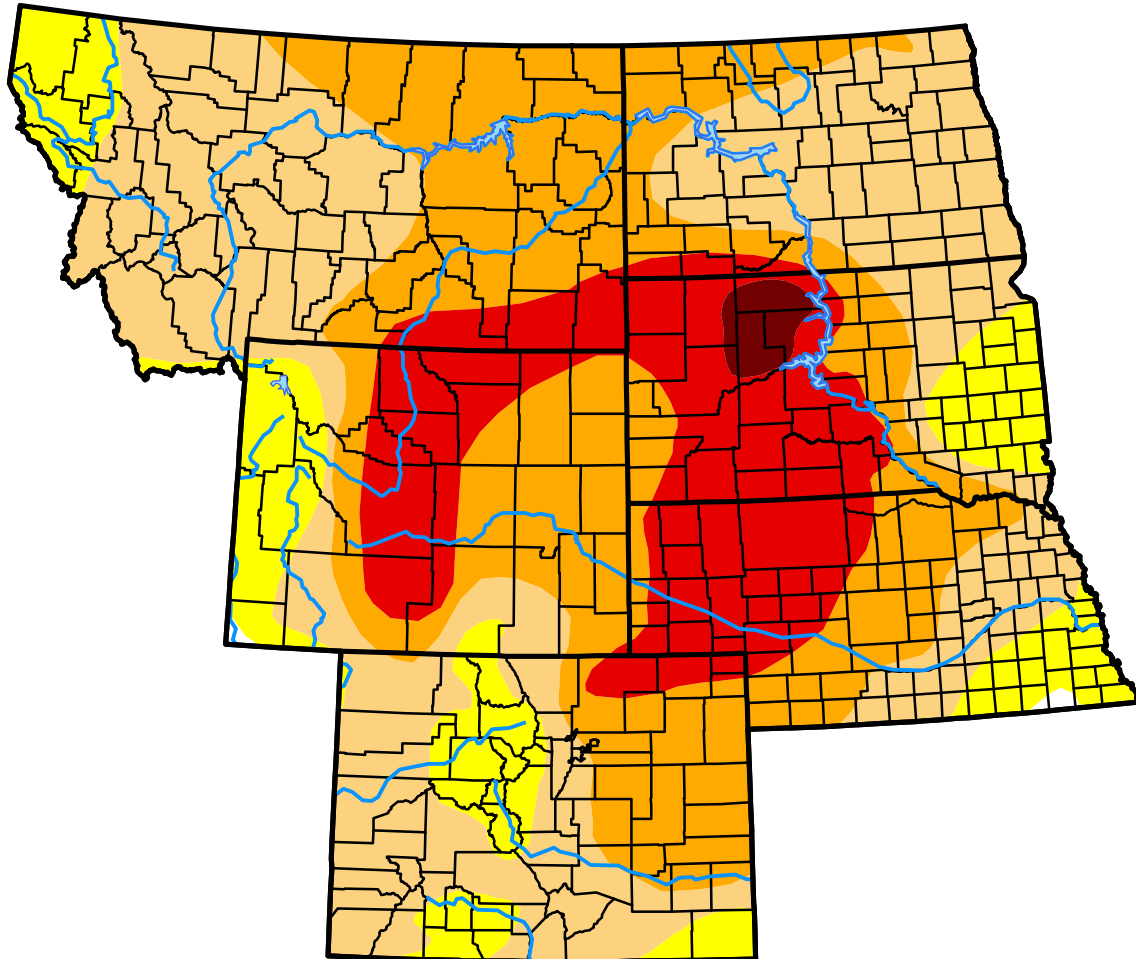


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.18	12.84	37.00	31.53	17.50	0.95
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-22-2006</i>	0.15	11.11	28.96	40.44	17.23	2.11
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-30-2006</i>	38.55	27.74	19.74	12.29	1.68	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	29.62	20.60	0.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	30.88	34.75	25.01	9.35	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-30-2005</i>	31.73	35.39	21.72	11.16	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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