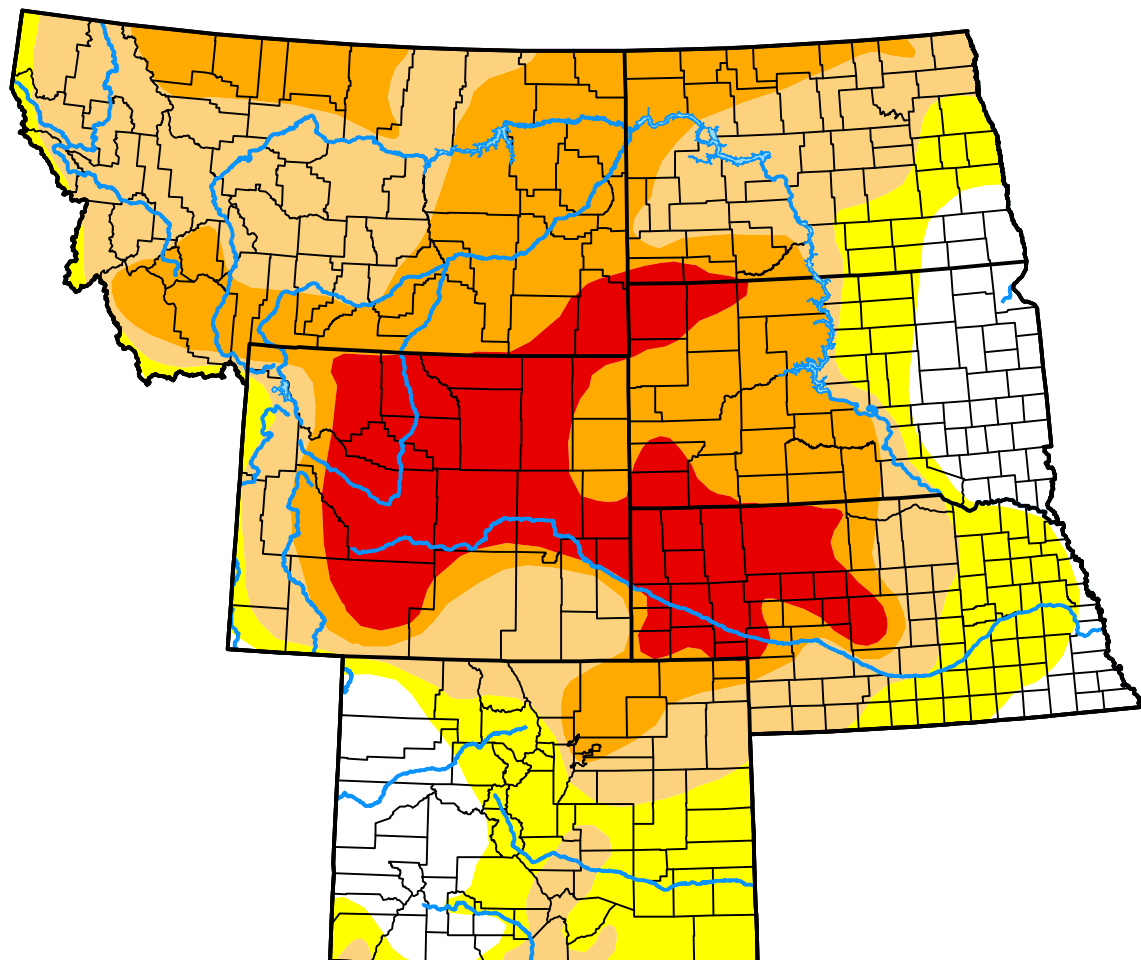


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.02	16.47	29.58	27.64	15.28	0.00
Last Week <i>10-10-2006</i>	11.02	16.47	29.58	27.28	15.64	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-18-2006</i>	7.19	9.92	44.61	28.52	7.86	1.89
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>09-26-2006</i>	5.69	21.41	28.70	29.13	15.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2005</i>	38.55	36.43	24.52	0.49	0.00	0.00

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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