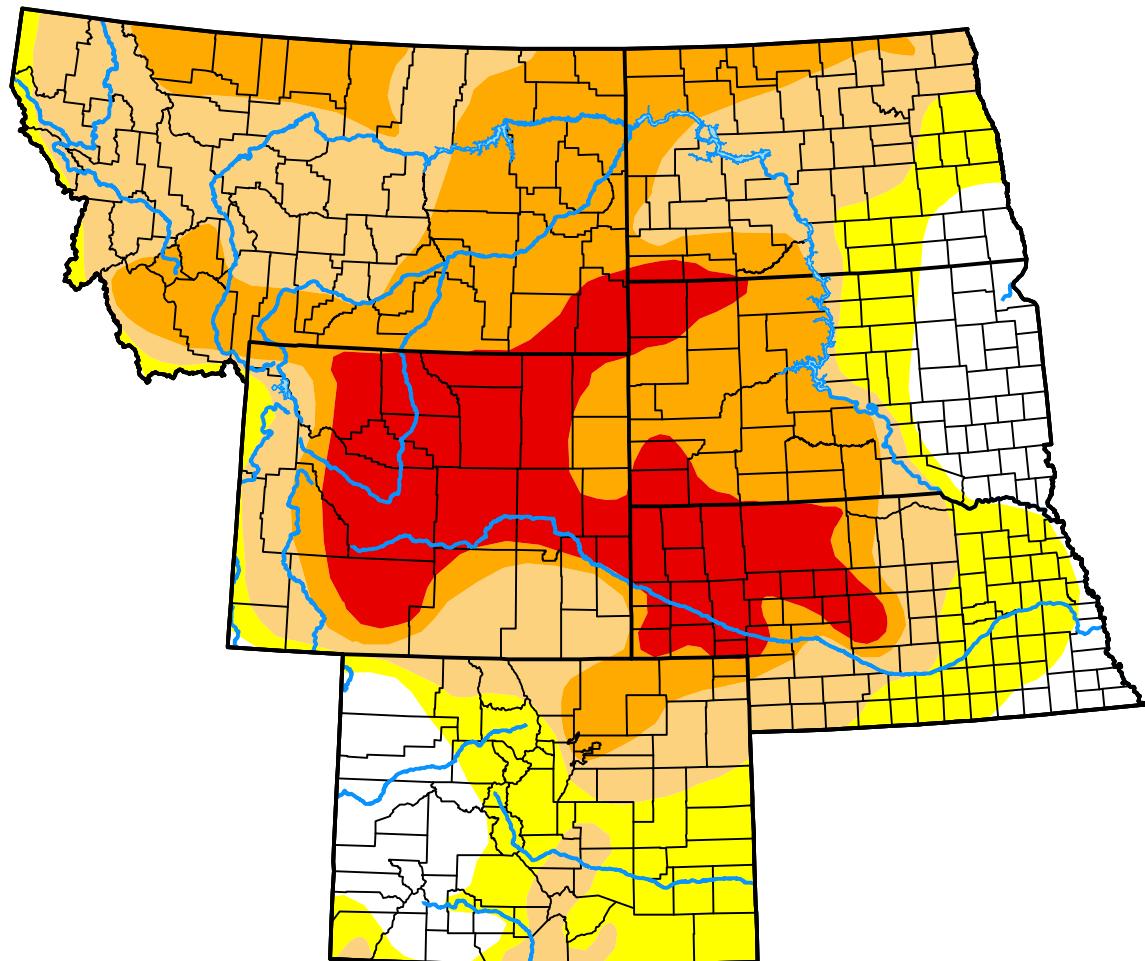


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USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.02	88.98	72.50	42.92	15.28	0.00
Last Week 10-10-2006	11.02	88.98	72.50	42.92	15.64	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-18-2006	7.19	92.81	82.89	38.28	9.75	1.89
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2006	49.75	50.25	20.63	0.03	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2006	5.69	94.31	72.90	44.20	15.07	0.00
One Year Ago 10-18-2005	38.55	61.45	25.02	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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