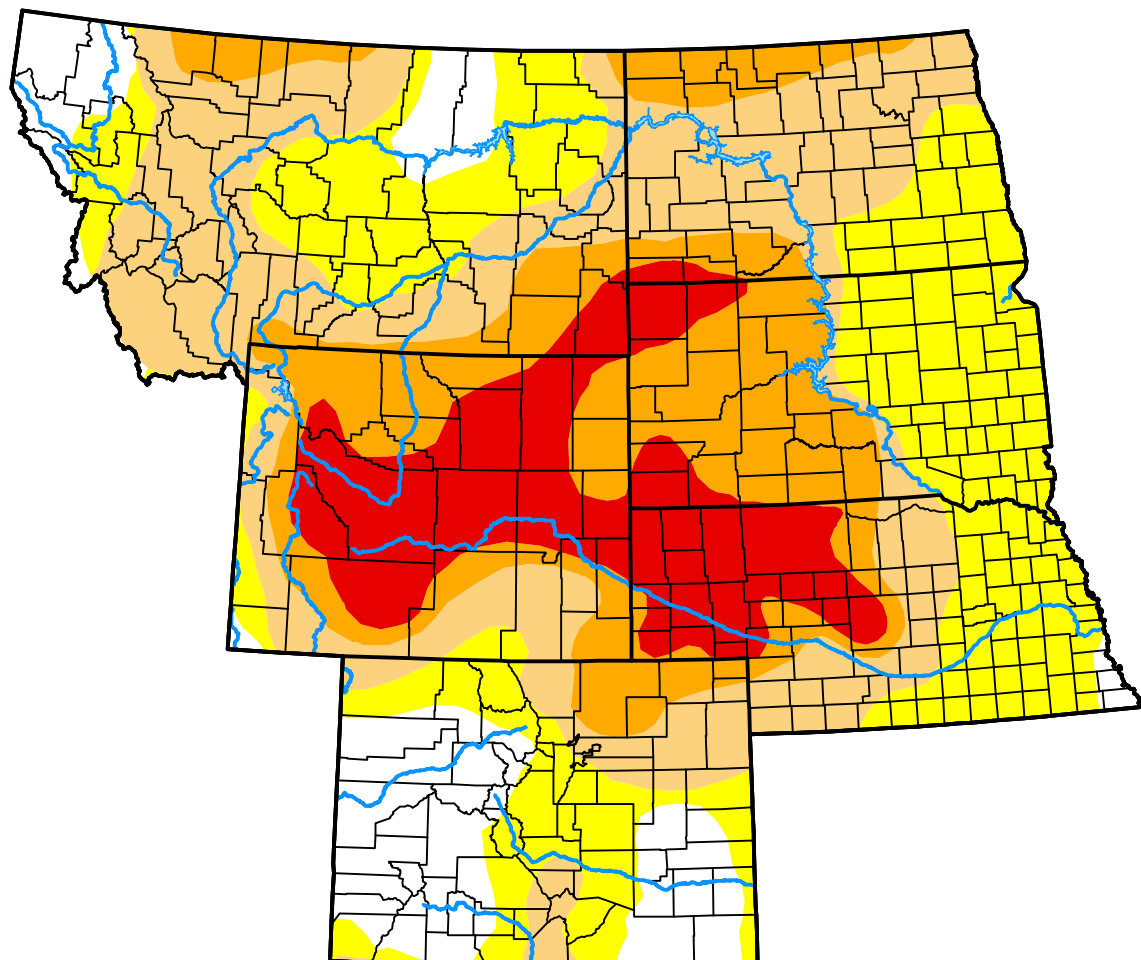


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.70	27.67	27.78	19.15	13.70	0.00
Last Week <i>11-28-2006</i>	12.73	27.59	26.60	17.96	15.12	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-05-2006</i>	2.16	12.50	35.86	28.70	20.79	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>09-26-2006</i>	5.69	21.41	28.70	29.13	15.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-06-2005</i>	54.90	24.35	20.72	0.03	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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