

# U.S. Drought Monitor

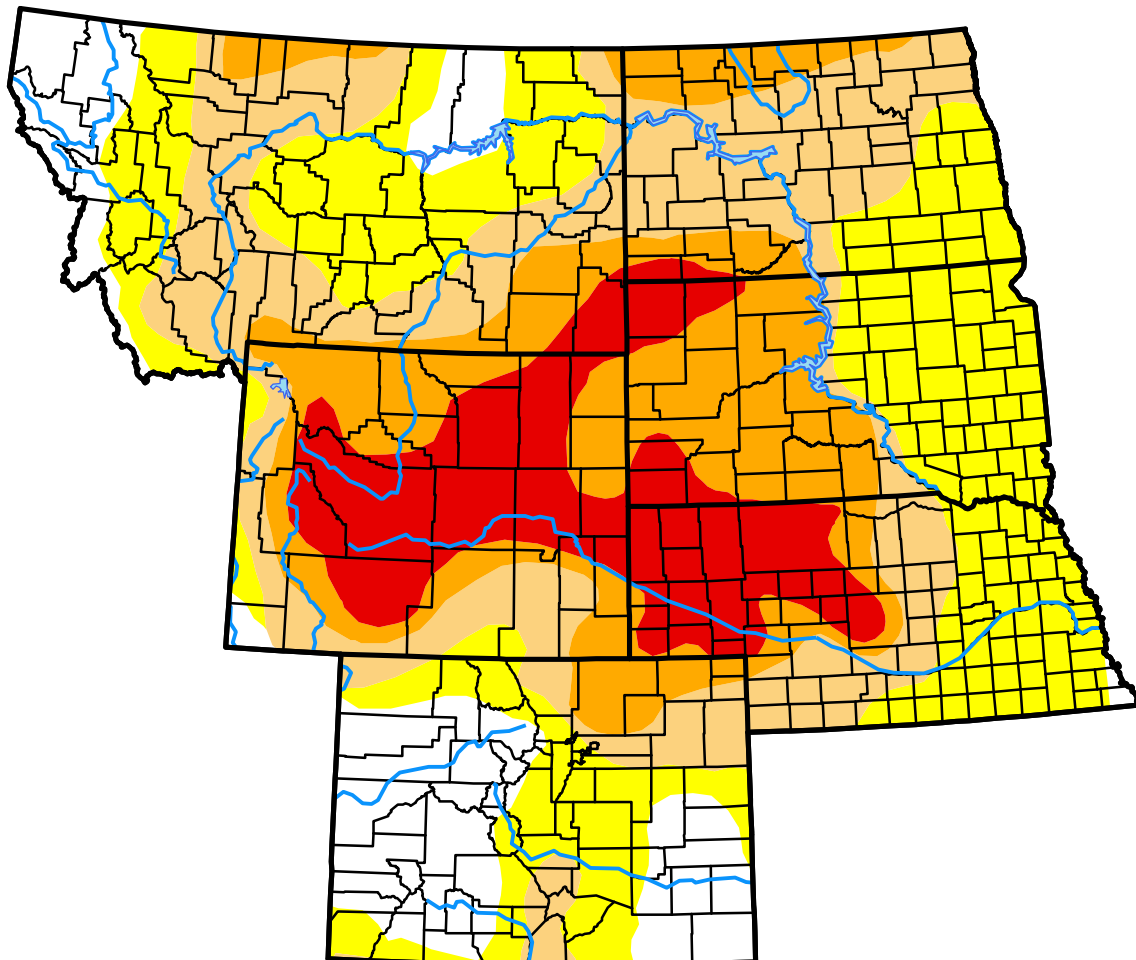
## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	13.02	29.57	24.85	18.86	13.70	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-05-2006</i>	11.70	27.67	27.78	19.15	13.70	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-12-2006</i>	2.76	13.53	37.61	23.01	23.10	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>09-26-2006</i>	5.69	21.41	28.70	29.13	15.07	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-13-2005</i>	54.90	25.04	20.03	0.03	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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