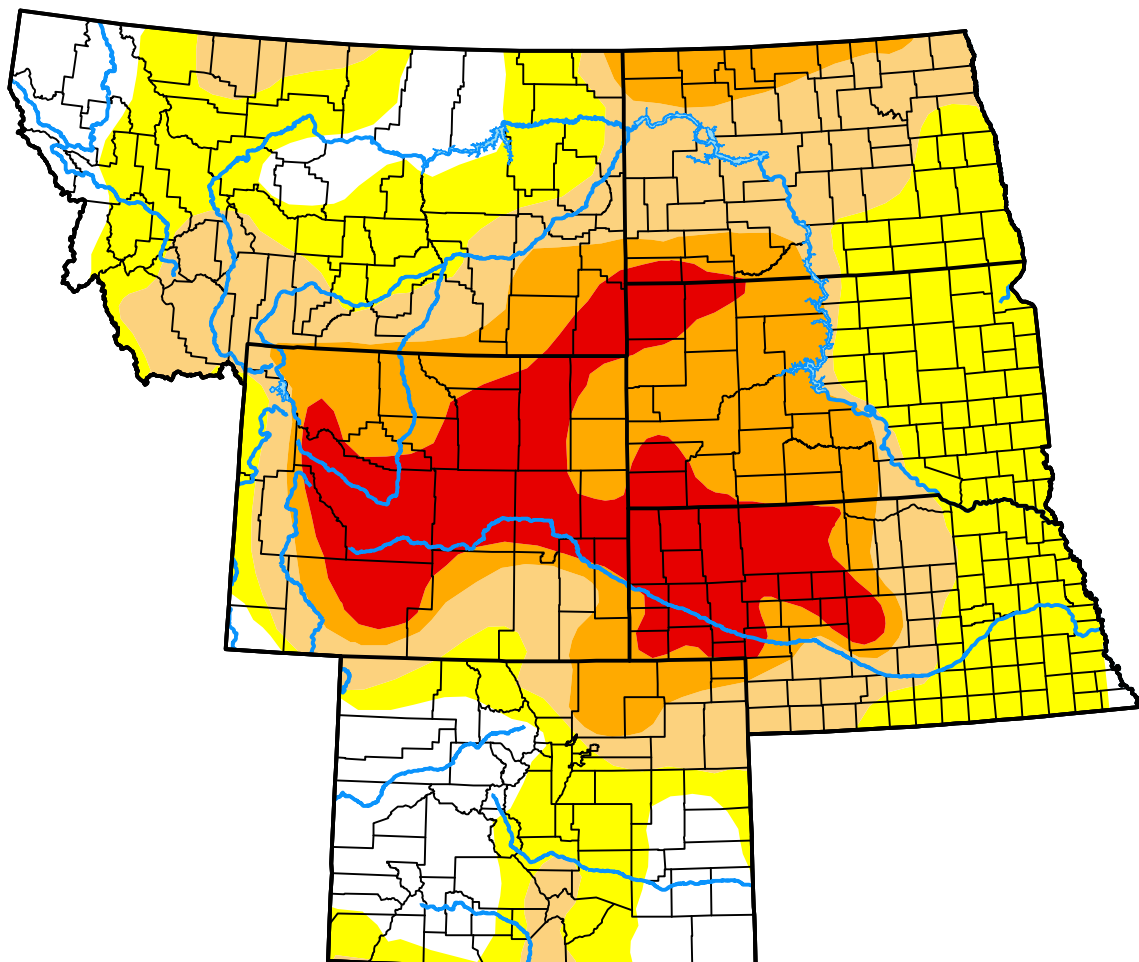


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.32	30.72	23.67	17.82	13.46	0.00
Last Week 12-12-2006	13.02	29.57	24.85	18.86	13.70	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-19-2006	3.01	13.73	38.53	24.90	19.84	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2006	49.75	29.62	20.60	0.03	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2006	5.69	21.41	28.70	29.13	15.07	0.00
One Year Ago 12-20-2005	51.25	27.41	21.31	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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