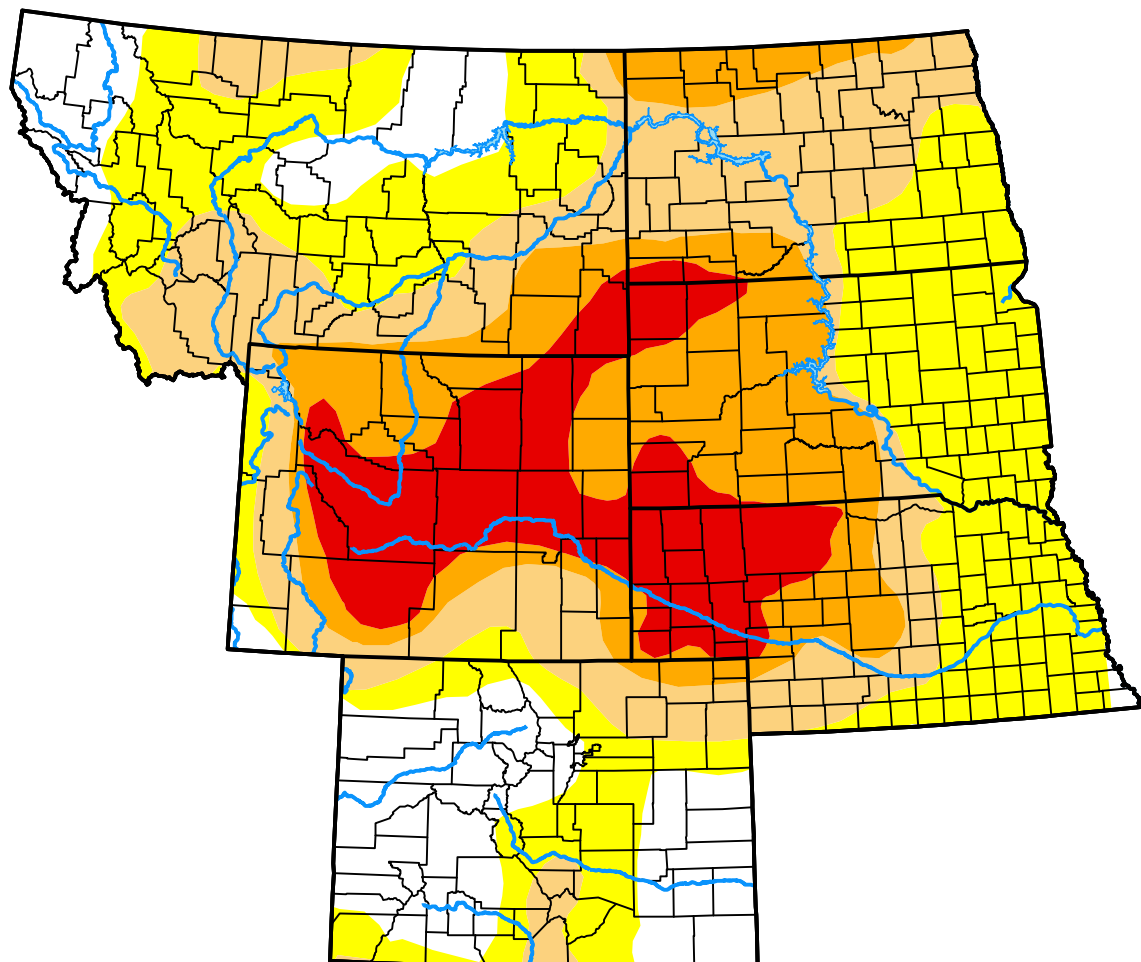


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.80	84.20	53.47	30.21	12.75	0.00
Last Week <i>12-19-2006</i>	14.32	85.68	54.95	31.28	13.46	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-26-2006</i>	5.69	94.31	72.90	44.20	15.07	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	49.75	50.25	20.63	0.03	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	5.69	94.31	72.90	44.20	15.07	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-27-2005</i>	51.25	48.75	21.47	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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