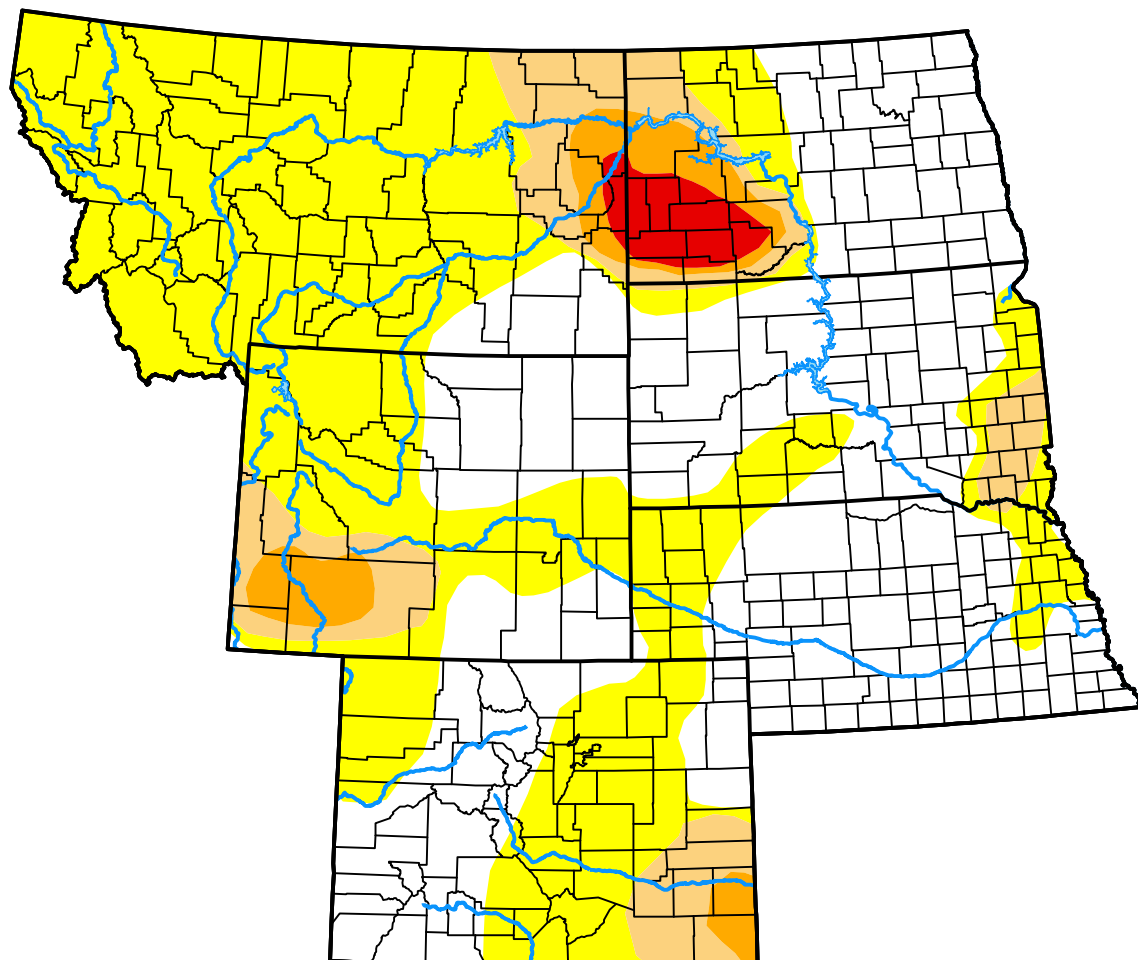


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.04	56.96	13.66	5.32	1.72	0.00
Last Week <i>09-09-2008</i>	40.43	59.57	16.05	5.08	1.22	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-17-2008</i>	65.15	34.85	14.88	7.08	0.45	0.04
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	32.44	67.56	41.04	17.24	0.23	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2007</i>	37.87	62.13	41.89	22.11	3.34	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-18-2007</i>	36.41	63.59	41.42	23.05	4.92	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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