

# 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   |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 64.00 | 36.00 | 7.64  | 1.74  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>10-14-2008              | 66.24 | 33.76 | 7.61  | 1.74  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>07-22-2008           | 35.01 | 64.99 | 20.57 | 9.36  | 2.98  | 0.12 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-01-2008 | 32.44 | 67.56 | 41.04 | 17.24 | 0.23  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-30-2008    | 56.54 | 43.46 | 12.03 | 3.99  | 1.72  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>10-23-2007           | 39.81 | 60.19 | 38.25 | 17.12 | 2.57  | 0.00 |

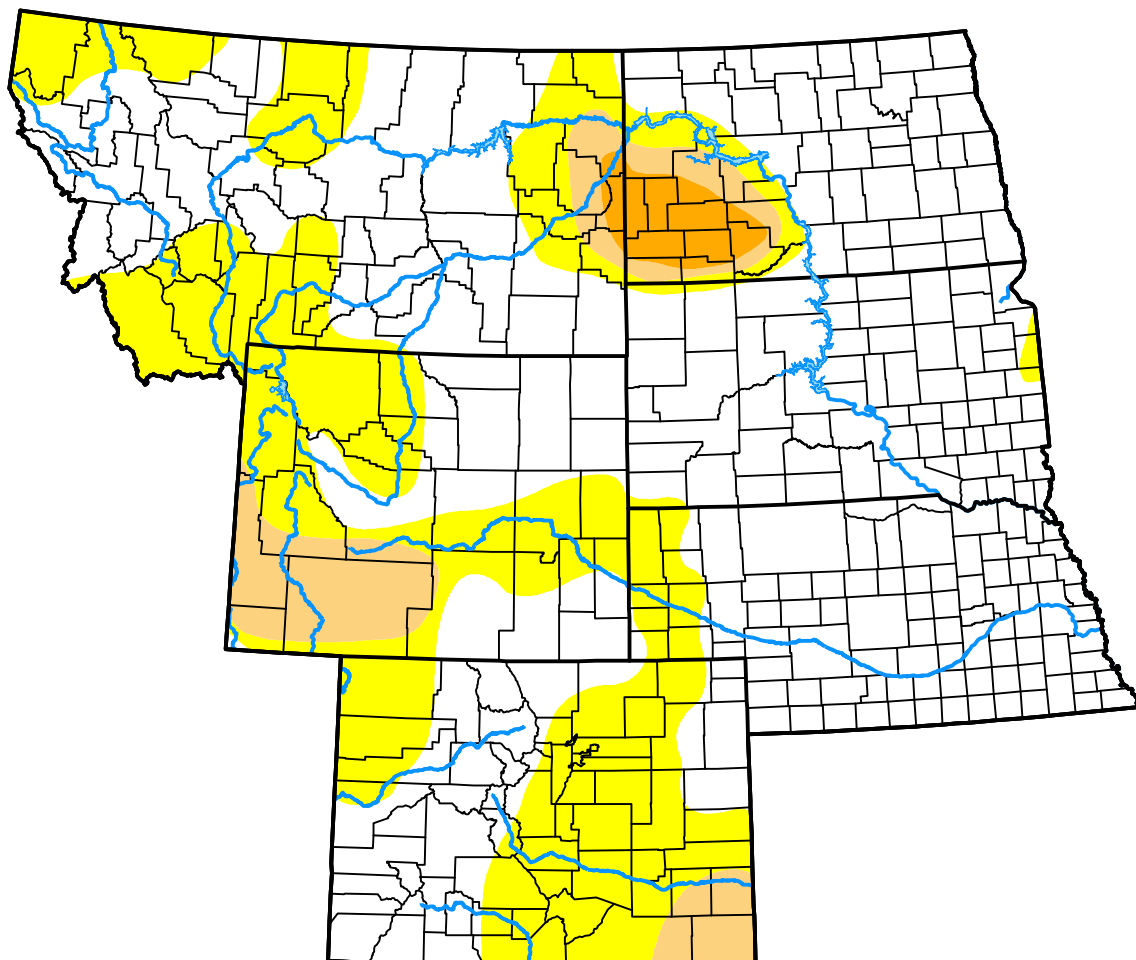
### Intensity:

|   |                     |   |                        |
|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|
|    | 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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