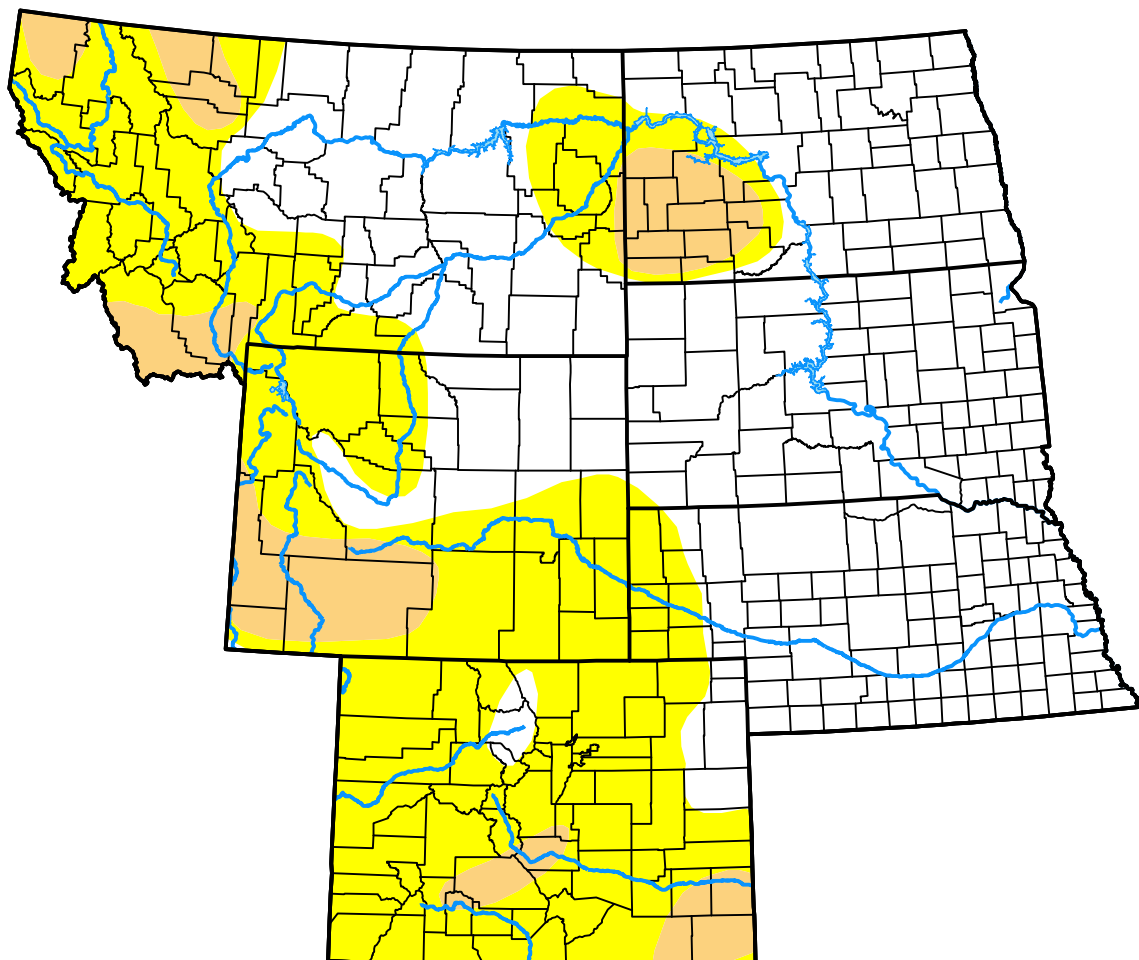


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	53.48	37.11	9.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	56.59	34.23	9.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	43.04	43.31	8.34	3.60	1.72	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	32.44	26.52	23.79	17.01	0.23	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	56.54	31.43	8.04	2.27	1.72	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	32.44	26.66	23.55	17.12	0.23	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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