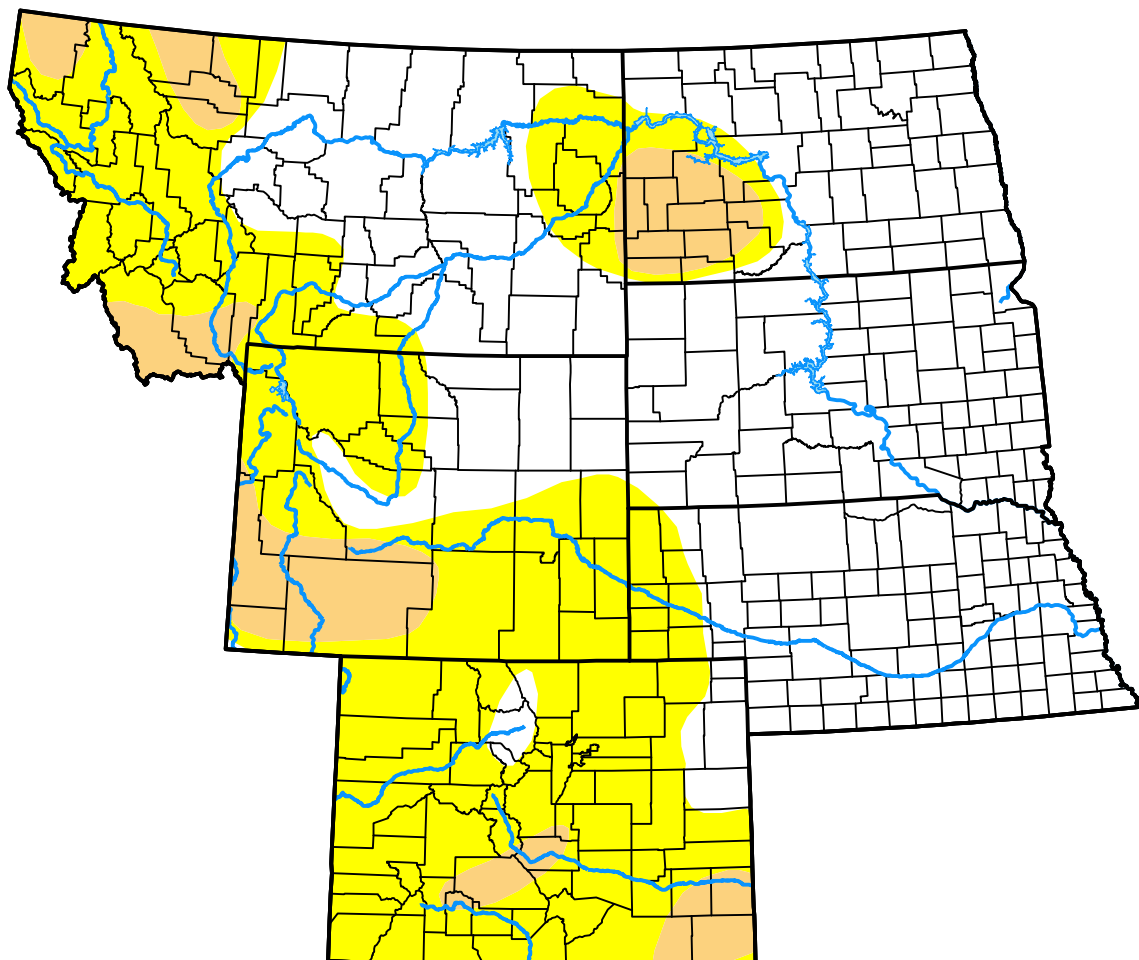


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.48	46.52	9.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-16-2008</i>	53.48	46.52	9.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2008</i>	56.53	43.47	12.64	4.25	1.72	0.00
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>09-30-2008</i>	56.54	43.46	12.03	3.99	1.72	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-25-2007</i>	32.44	67.56	40.90	17.24	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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