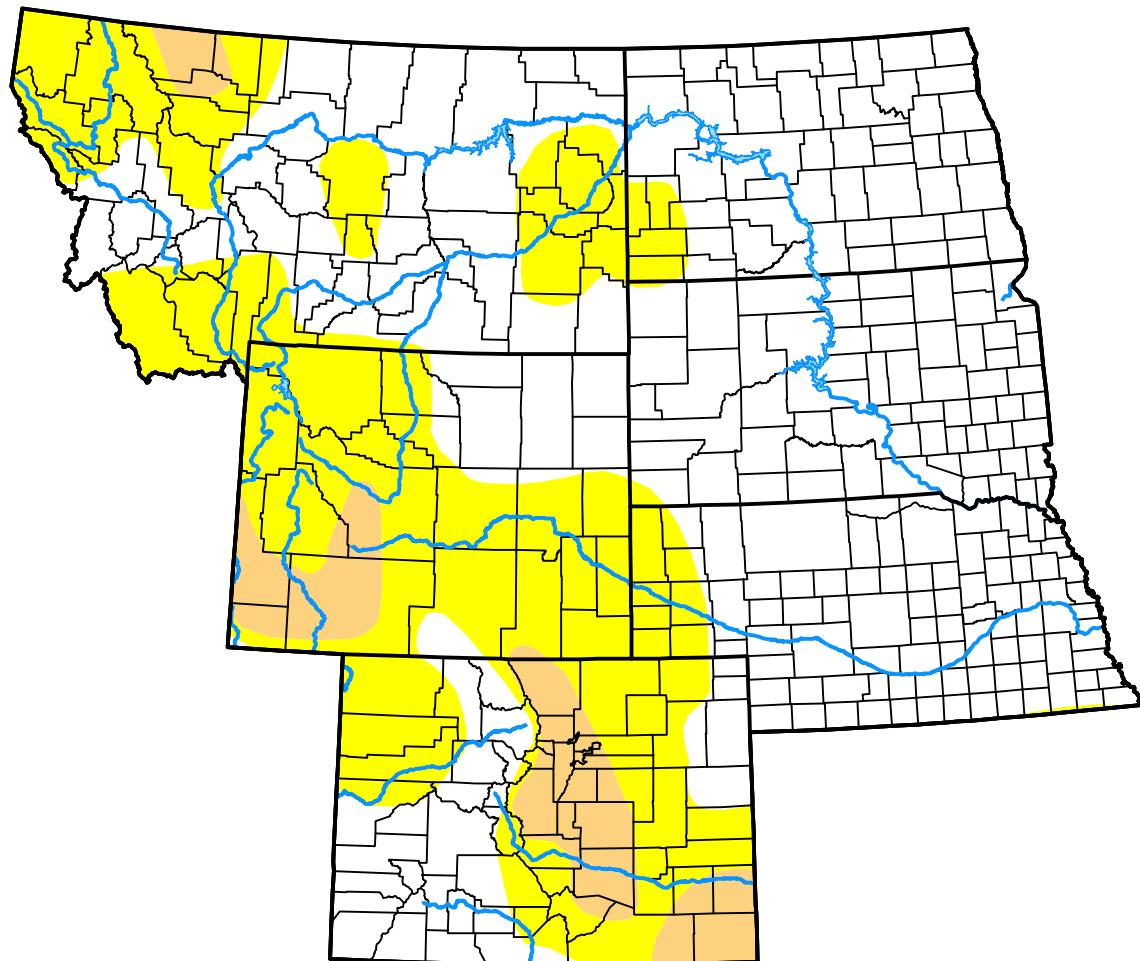


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	61.74	31.64	6.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-10-2009	62.46	31.97	5.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 12-16-2008	53.48	37.11	9.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	55.97	36.48	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2008	56.54	31.43	8.04	2.27	1.72	0.00
One Year Ago 03-18-2008	33.47	27.10	24.61	13.87	0.95	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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