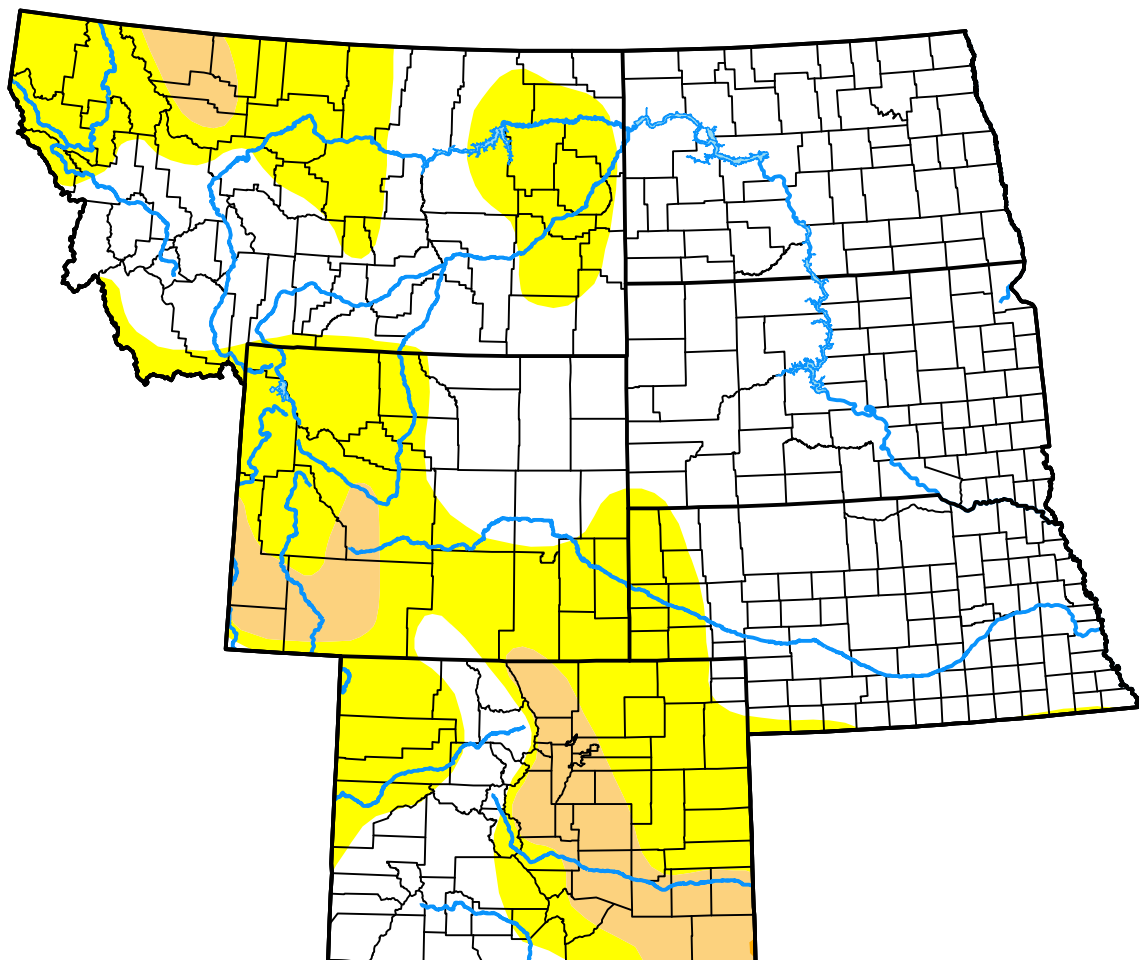


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 61.31 | 38.69 | 7.65 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>03-17-2009</i> | 61.74 | 38.26 | 6.63 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>12-23-2008</i> | 53.48 | 46.52 | 9.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i> | 55.97 | 44.03 | 7.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 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>03-25-2008</i> | 31.56 | 68.44 | 40.66 | 16.67 | 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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