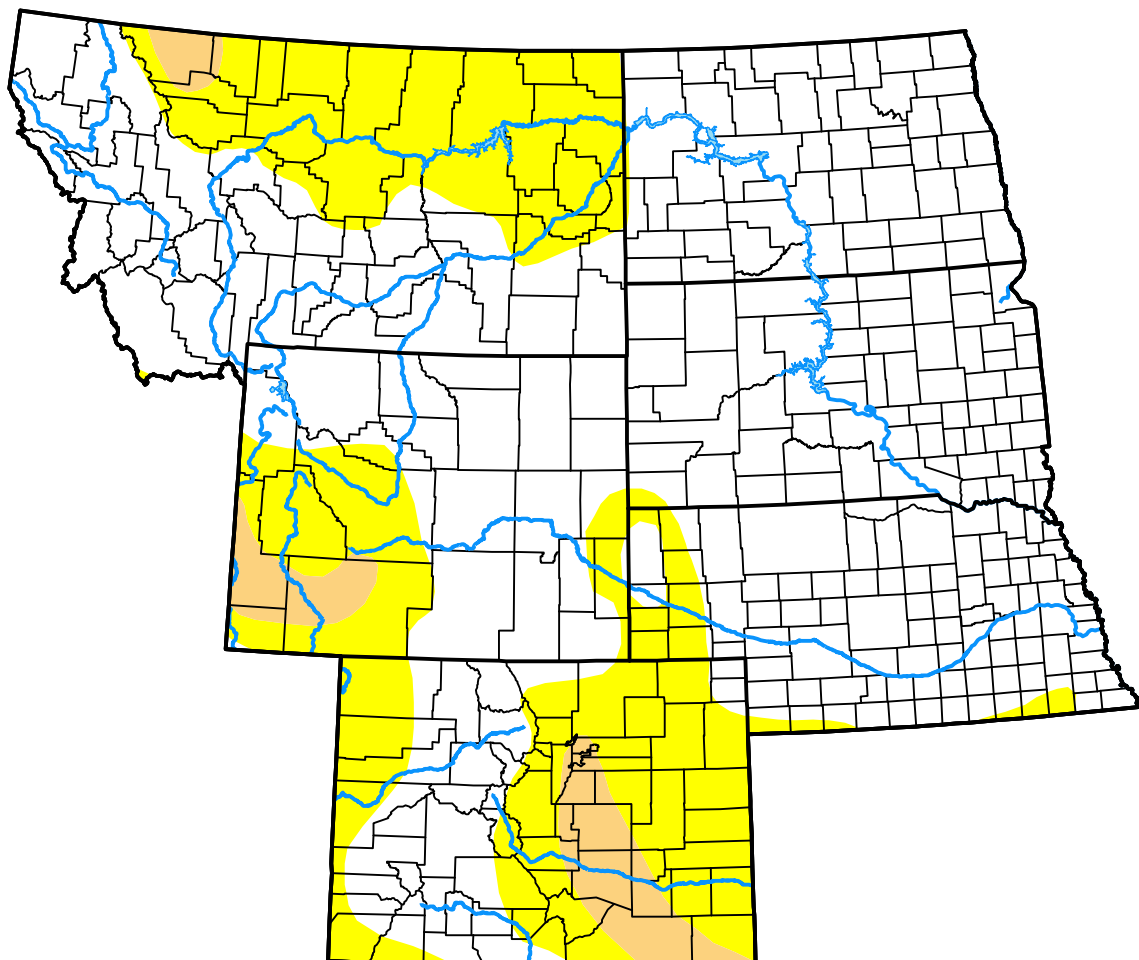


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	69.54	30.46	4.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-07-2009</i>	69.40	30.60	4.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-13-2009</i>	67.27	32.73	7.11	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>04-15-2008</i>	35.09	64.91	40.59	16.38	3.04	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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