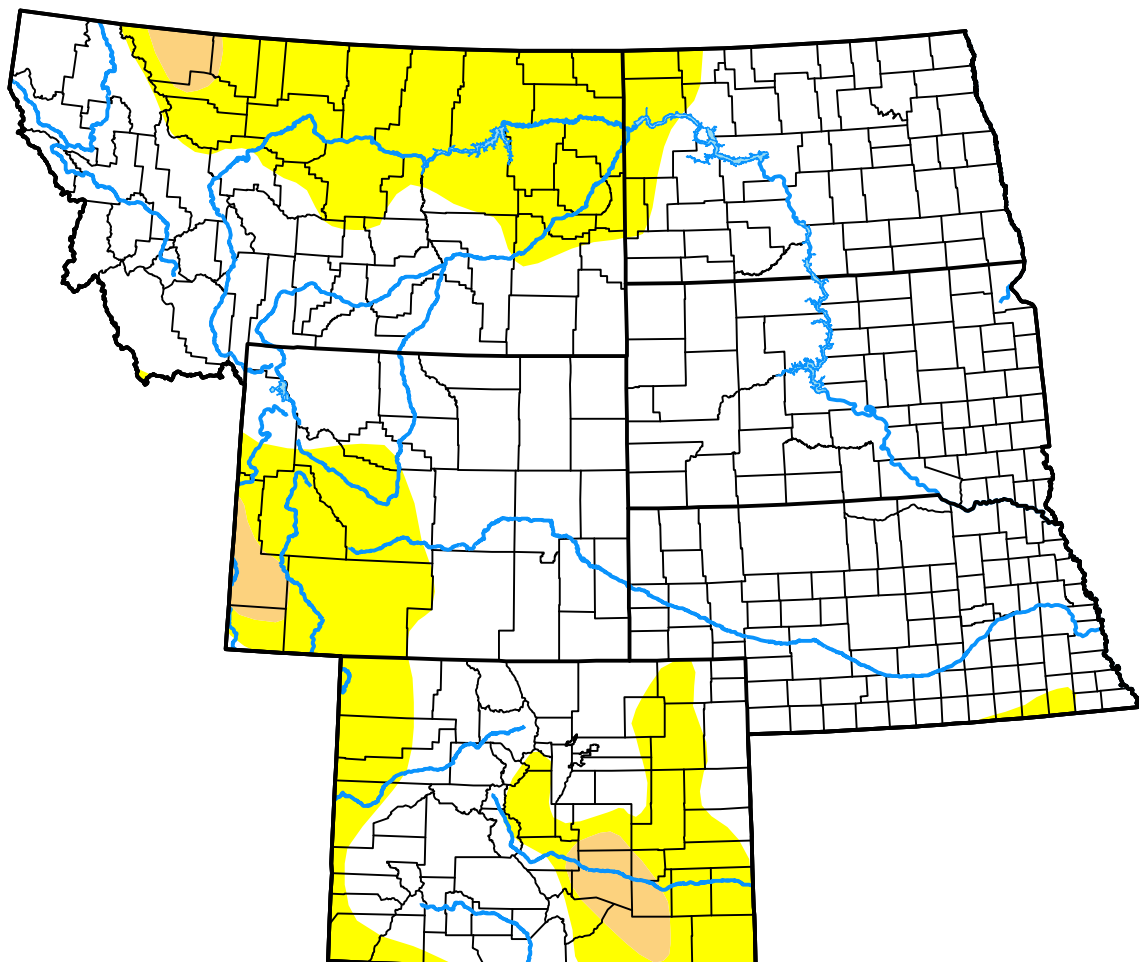


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.25	25.75	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-14-2009</i>	69.54	30.46	4.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-20-2009</i>	67.97	32.03	6.44	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>04-22-2008</i>	35.65	64.35	41.33	16.99	3.86	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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