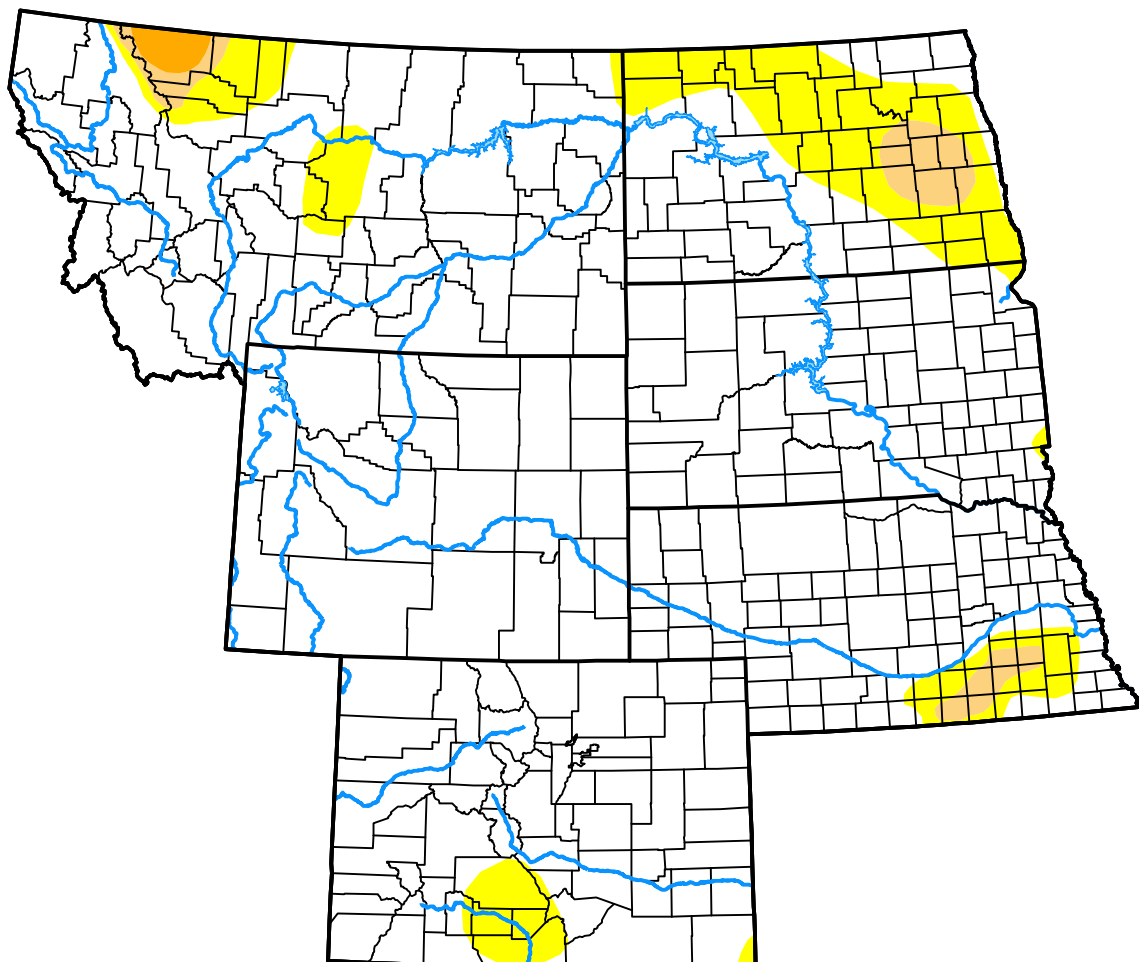


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	88.57	11.43	2.18	0.38	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-11-2009	77.65	22.35	2.82	0.38	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-19-2009	83.74	16.26	2.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	55.97	44.03	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2008	56.54	43.46	12.03	3.99	1.72	0.00
One Year Ago 08-19-2008	39.35	60.65	16.21	8.53	2.71	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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