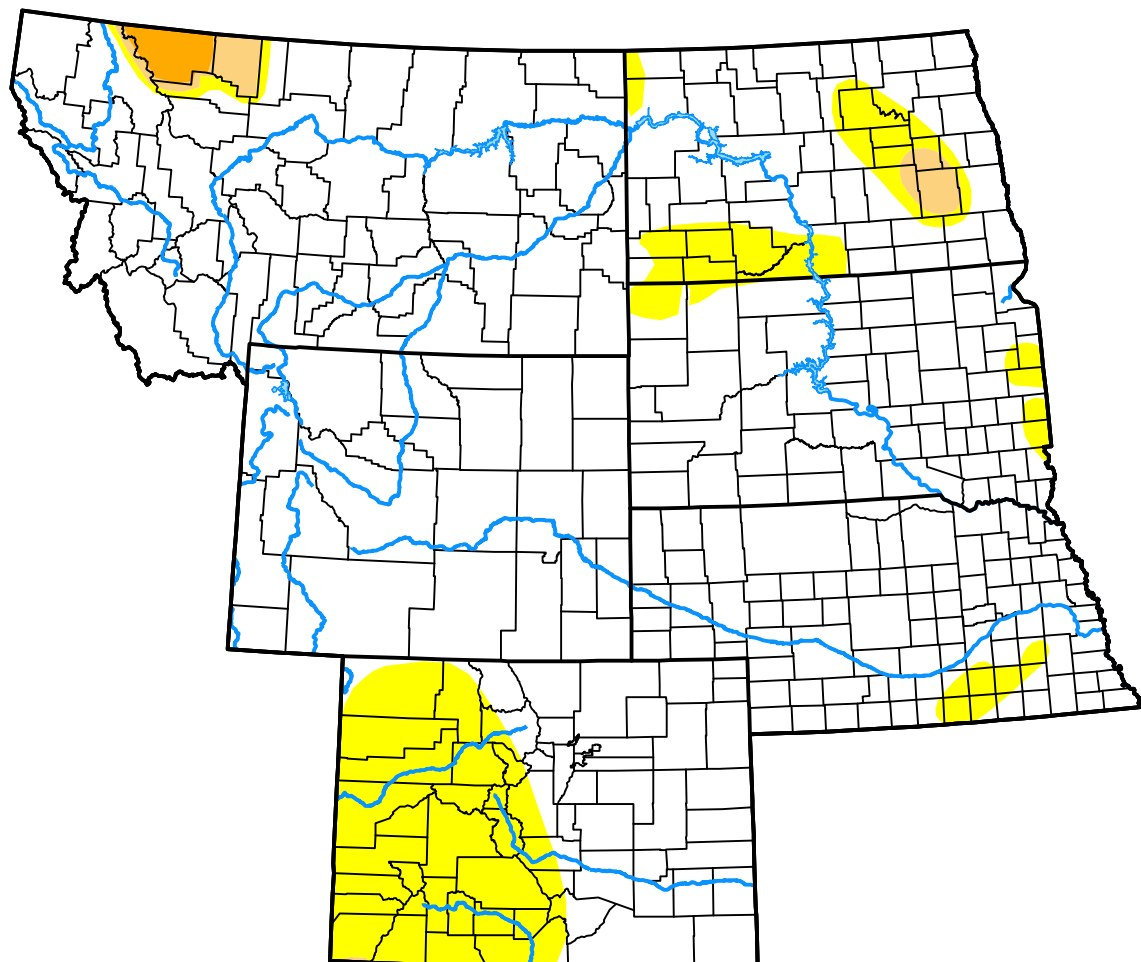


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	85.88	14.12	1.43	0.51	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-08-2009</i>	82.14	17.86	2.34	0.38	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-16-2009</i>	73.34	26.66	0.73	0.13	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>09-16-2008</i>	43.04	56.96	13.66	5.32	1.72	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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