

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

October 20, 2009

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None  | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|---|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 87.55 | 11.21 | 0.96 | 0.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>10-13-2009              | 80.74 | 17.27 | 1.72 | 0.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>07-21-2009           | 78.02 | 17.38 | 3.54 | 1.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-30-2008 | 55.97 | 36.48 | 7.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2009    | 76.34 | 22.27 | 1.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>10-21-2008           | 64.00 | 28.36 | 5.90 | 1.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

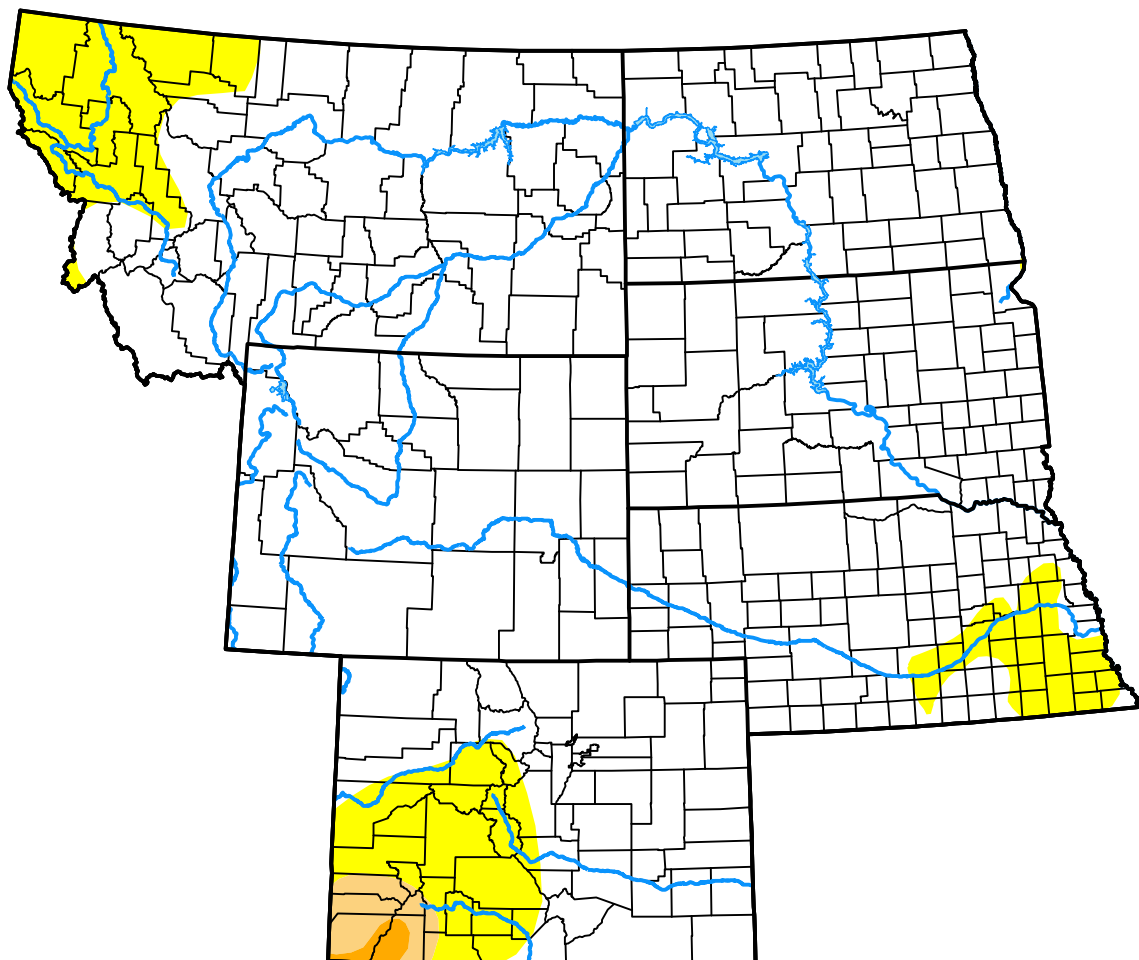
### Intensity:

|   |  |
|---|--|
|  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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