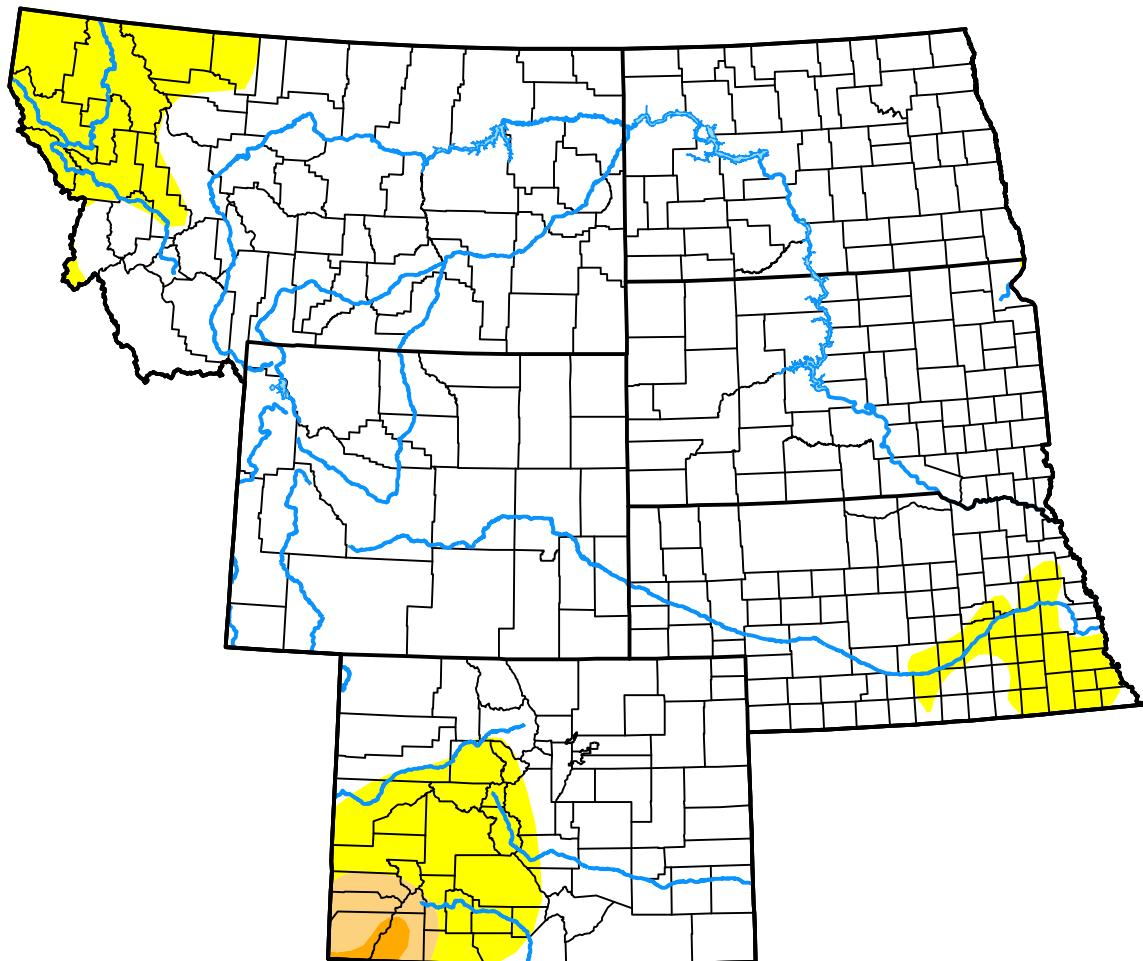


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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