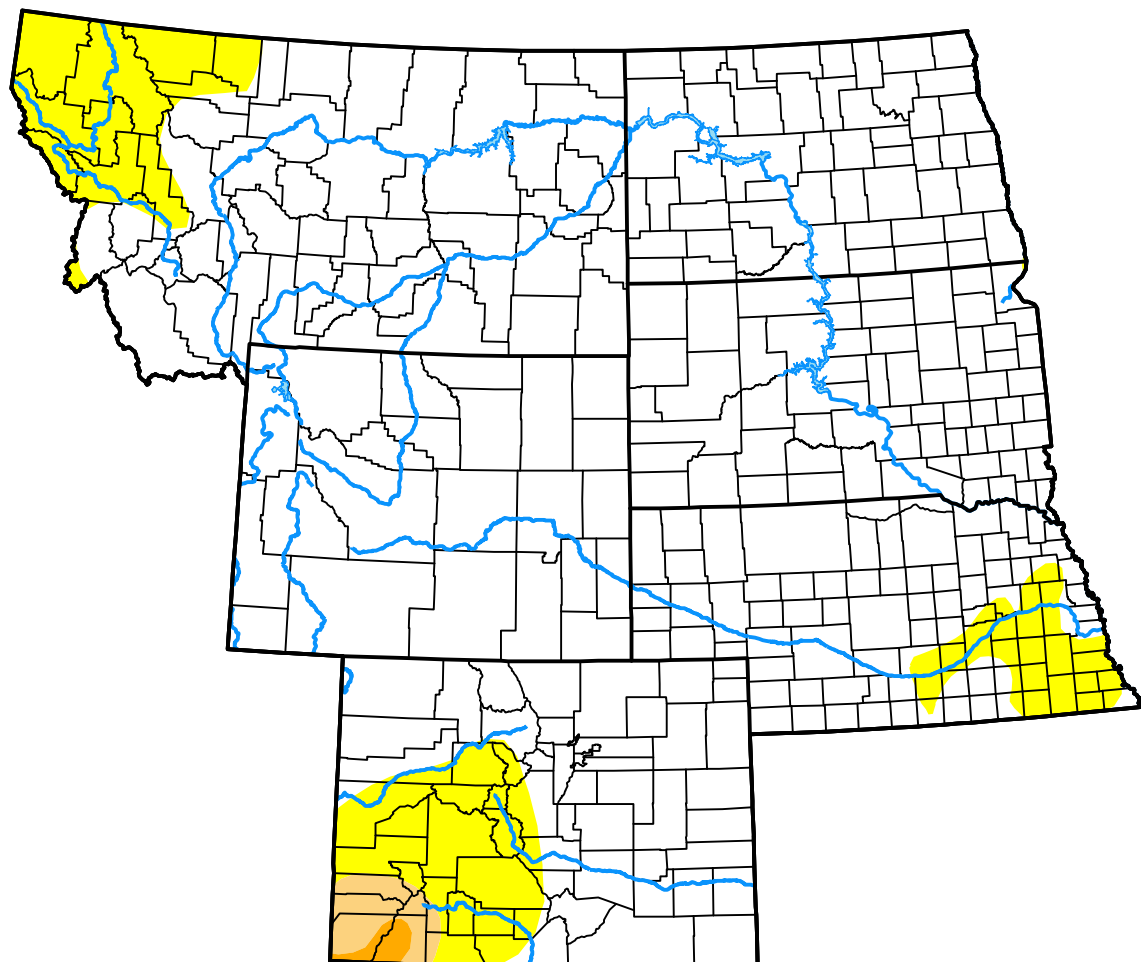


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	87.55	12.45	1.23	0.27	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-13-2009	80.74	19.26	1.99	0.27	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-21-2009	78.02	21.98	4.60	1.06	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-30-2008	55.97	44.03	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2009	76.34	23.66	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-21-2008	64.00	36.00	7.64	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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