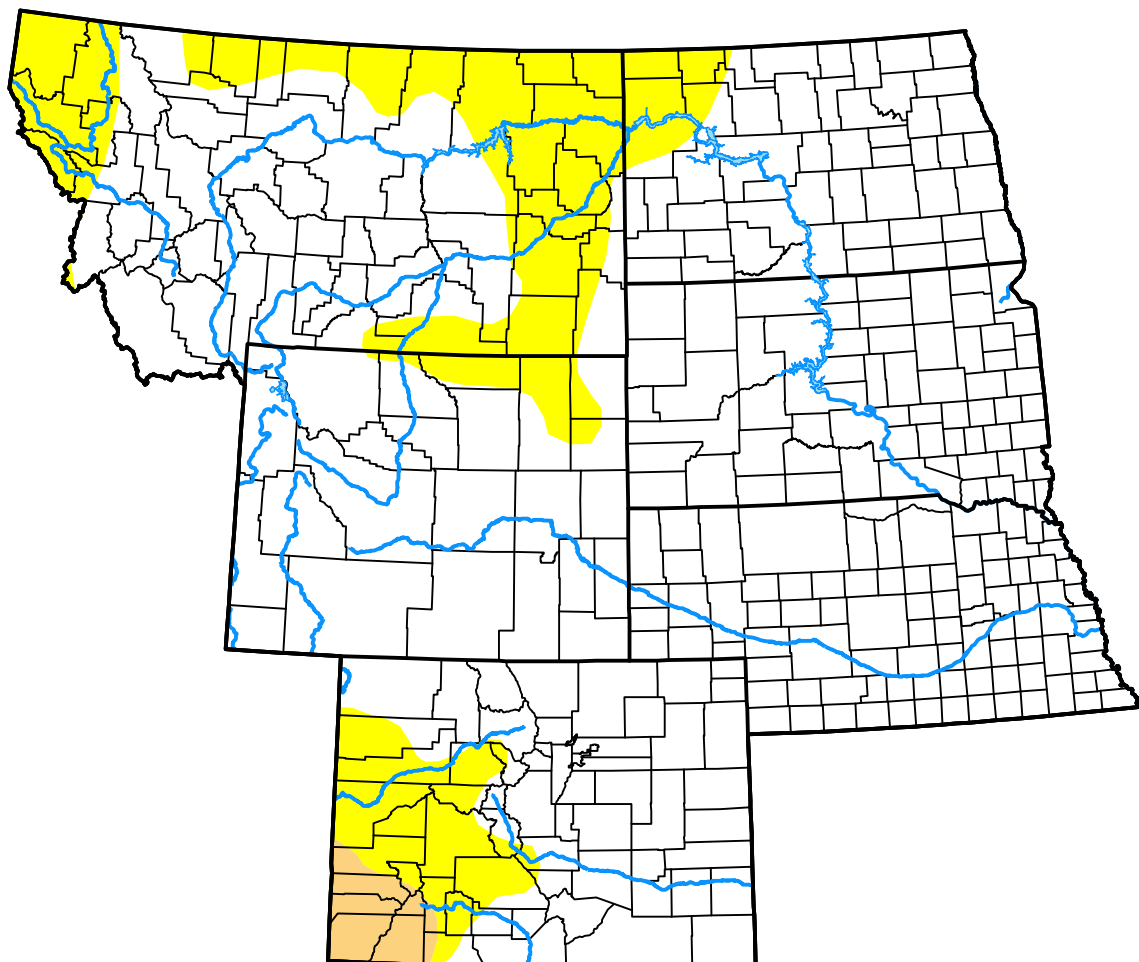


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.39	17.61	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-01-2009</i>	86.96	13.04	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-08-2009</i>	82.14	17.86	2.34	0.38	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>09-29-2009</i>	76.34	23.66	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-09-2008</i>	56.59	43.41	9.18	0.00	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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