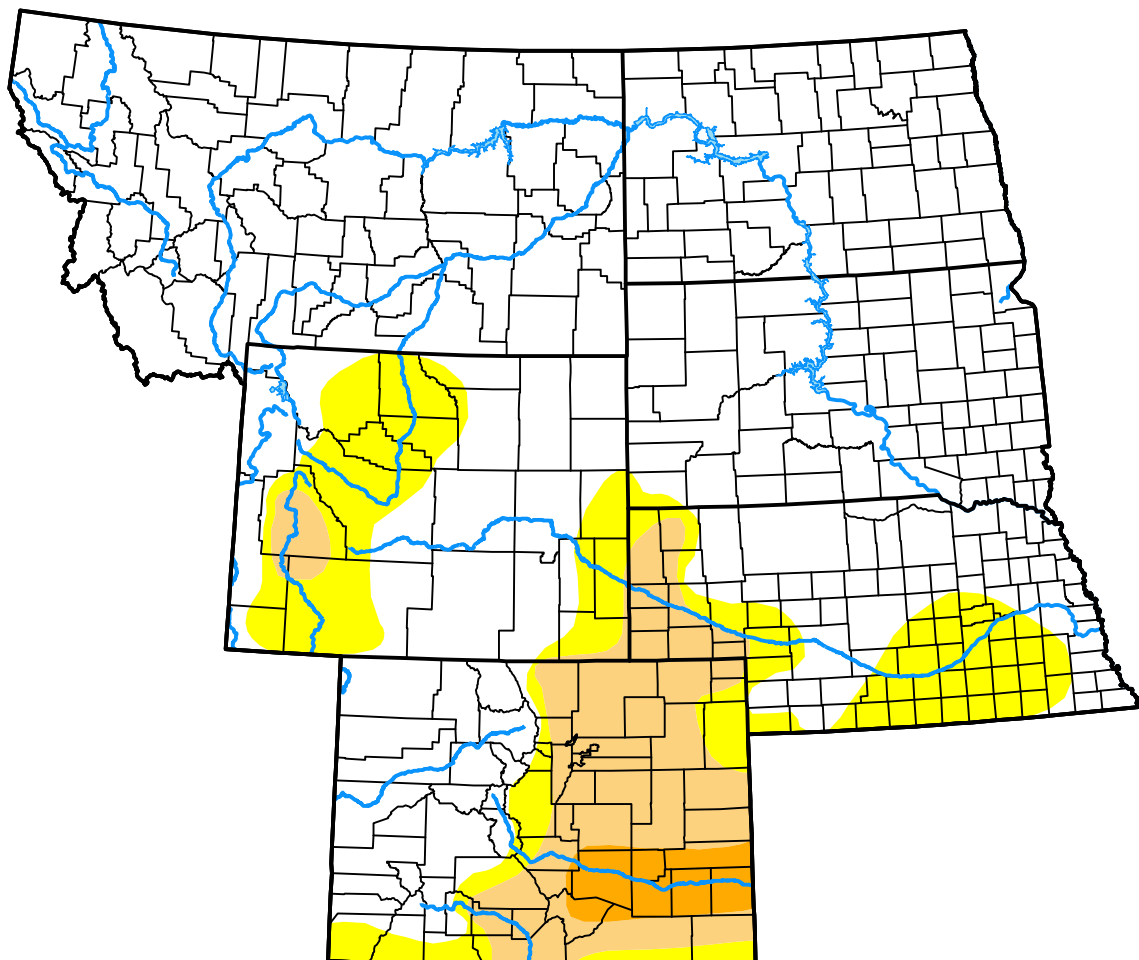


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	76.16	12.95	9.05	1.84	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2010</i>	76.35	12.64	9.19	1.83	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2010</i>	76.68	21.91	1.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2009</i>	78.67	19.96	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2010</i>	71.39	25.29	3.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2009</i>	80.40	18.23	1.36	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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