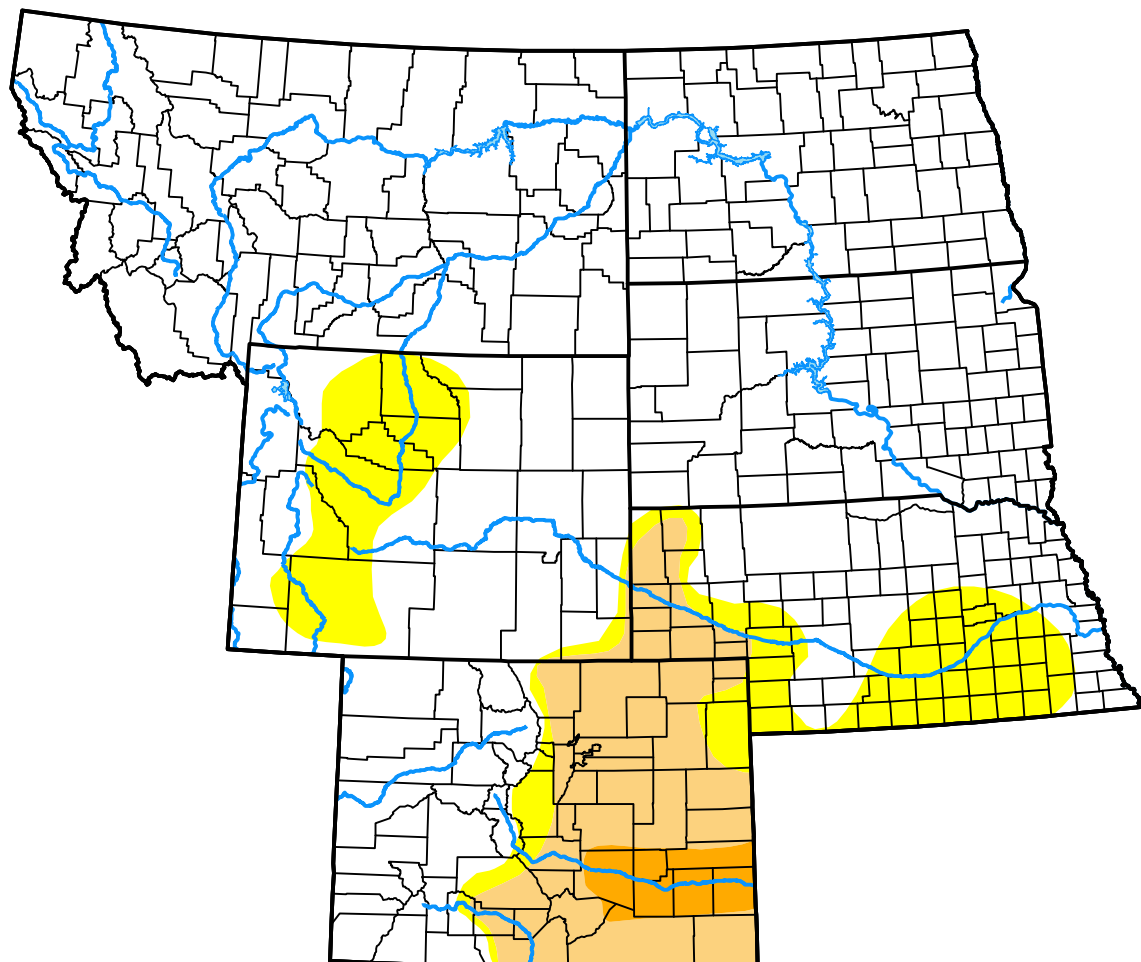


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**February 22, 2011**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 78.34 | 21.66 | 10.70 | 1.62  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-15-2011</i>              | 78.34 | 21.66 | 10.51 | 1.62  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-23-2010</i>           | 76.92 | 23.08 | 9.16  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 76.75 | 23.25 | 10.51 | 1.84  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2010</i>    | 71.39 | 28.61 | 3.31  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-23-2010</i>           | 68.05 | 31.95 | 10.43 | 0.37  | 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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