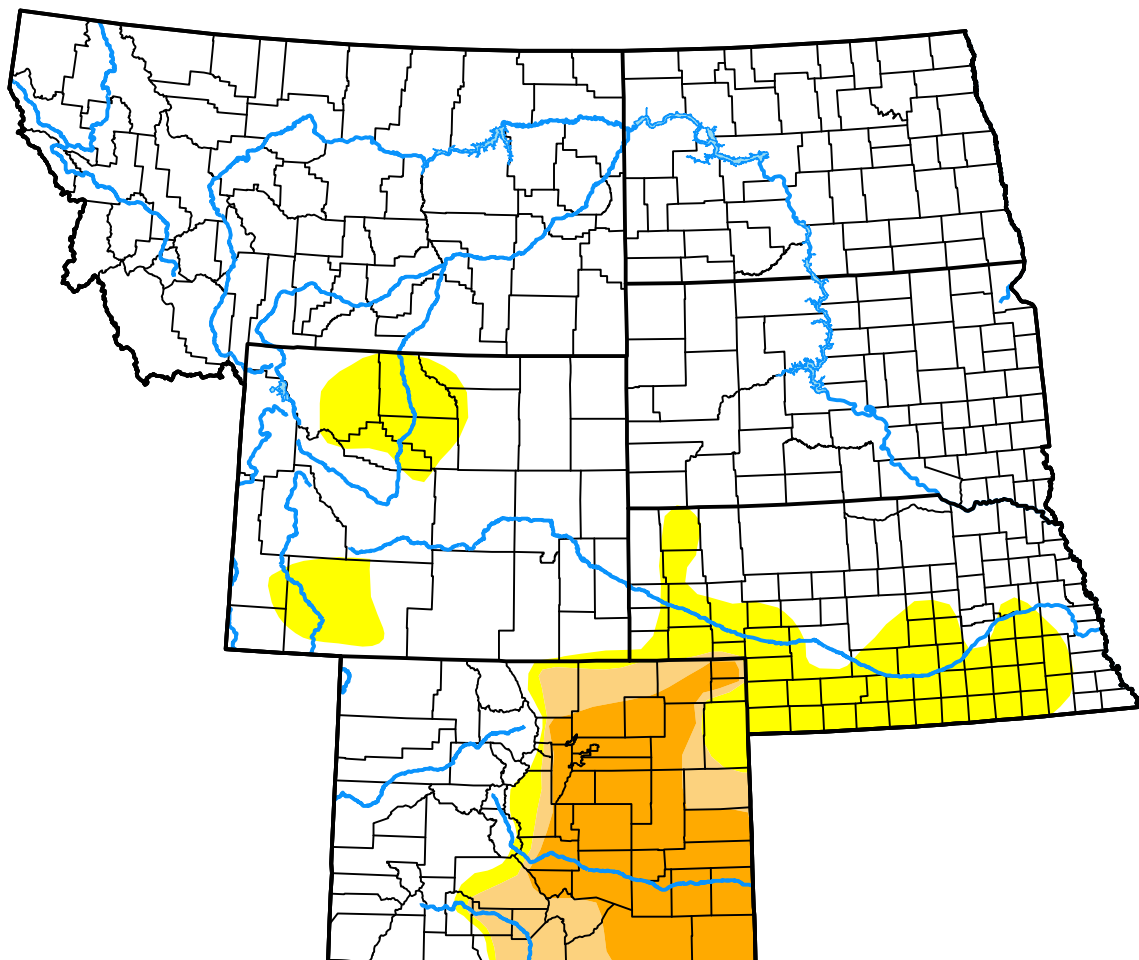


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 80.47 | 10.15 | 2.98  | 6.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-08-2011</i>              | 79.55 | 10.86 | 3.20  | 6.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-14-2010</i>           | 76.35 | 12.64 | 9.19  | 1.83 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 76.75 | 12.75 | 8.67  | 1.84 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2010</i>    | 71.39 | 25.29 | 3.31  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-16-2010</i>           | 69.10 | 15.54 | 12.59 | 2.77 | 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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