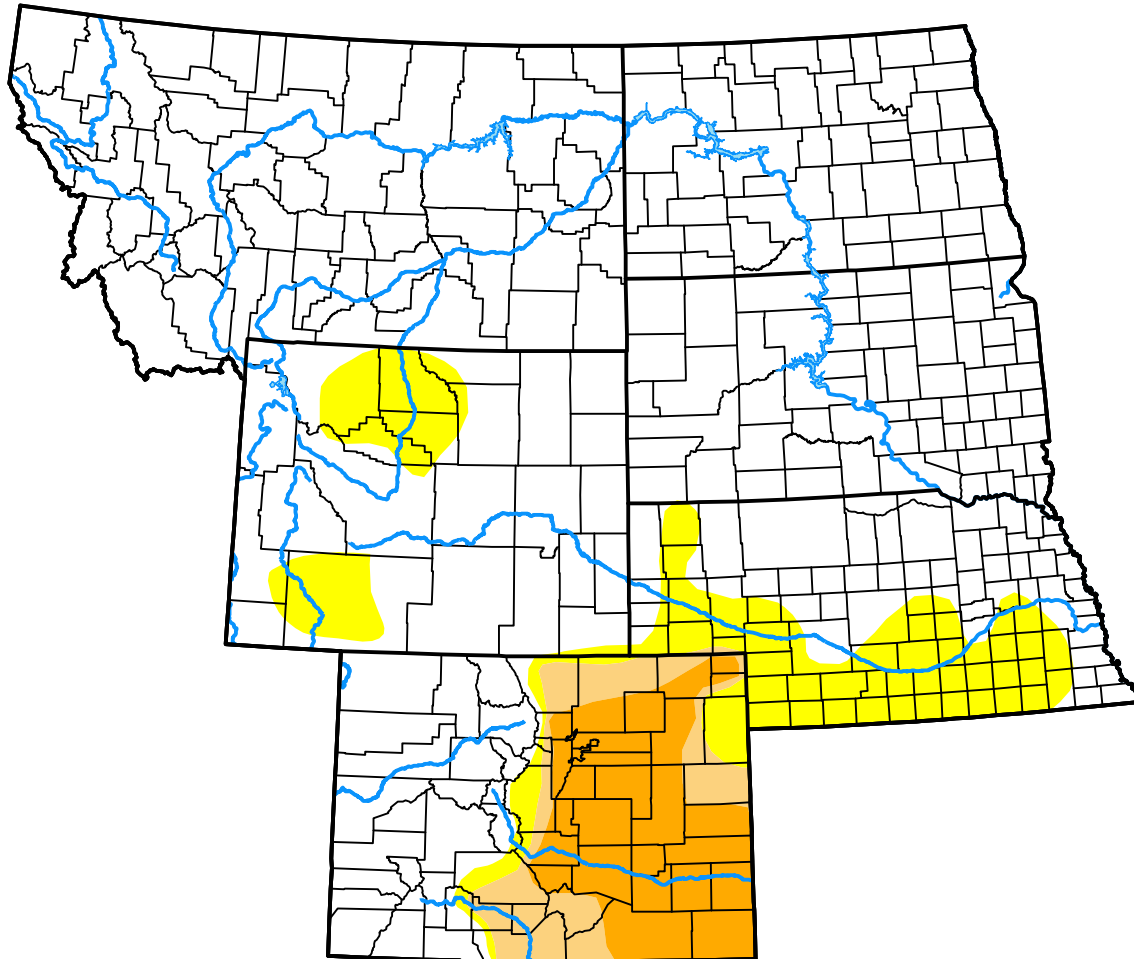


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

March 15, 2011
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 17, 2011)
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 80.47 | 19.53 | 9.38 | 6.41 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>03-08-2011</i> | 79.55 | 20.45 | 9.59 | 6.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2010</i> | 76.35 | 23.65 | 11.01 | 1.83 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i> | 76.75 | 23.25 | 10.51 | 1.84 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2010</i> | 71.39 | 28.61 | 3.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>03-16-2010</i> | 69.10 | 30.90 | 15.36 | 2.77 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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>

Author:

Laura Edwards
 Western Regional Climate Center

