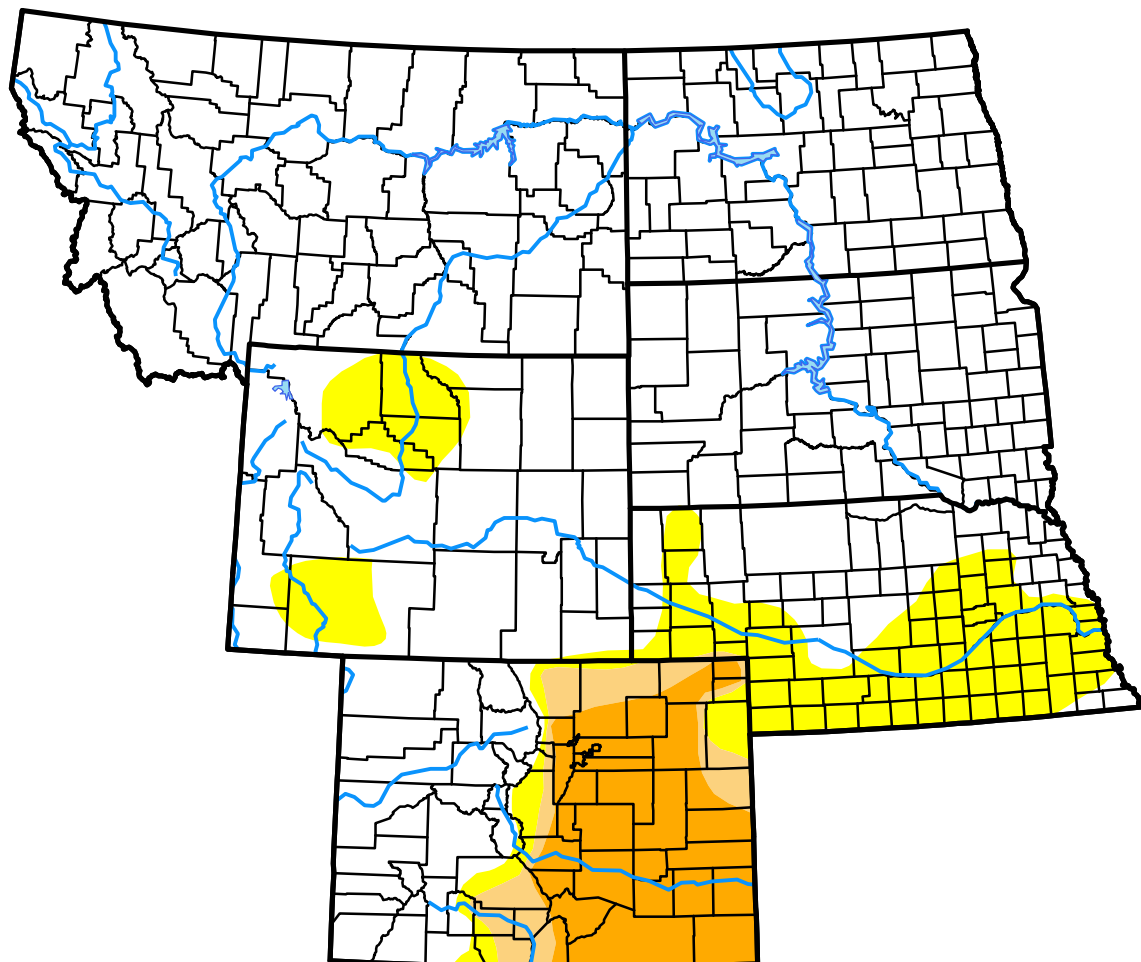


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	78.91	21.09	9.49	7.18	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-15-2011</i>	80.47	19.53	9.38	6.41	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-21-2010</i>	76.16	23.84	10.88	1.84	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2011</i>	76.75	23.25	10.51	1.84	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2010</i>	71.39	28.61	3.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-23-2010</i>	69.16	30.84	15.59	2.77	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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