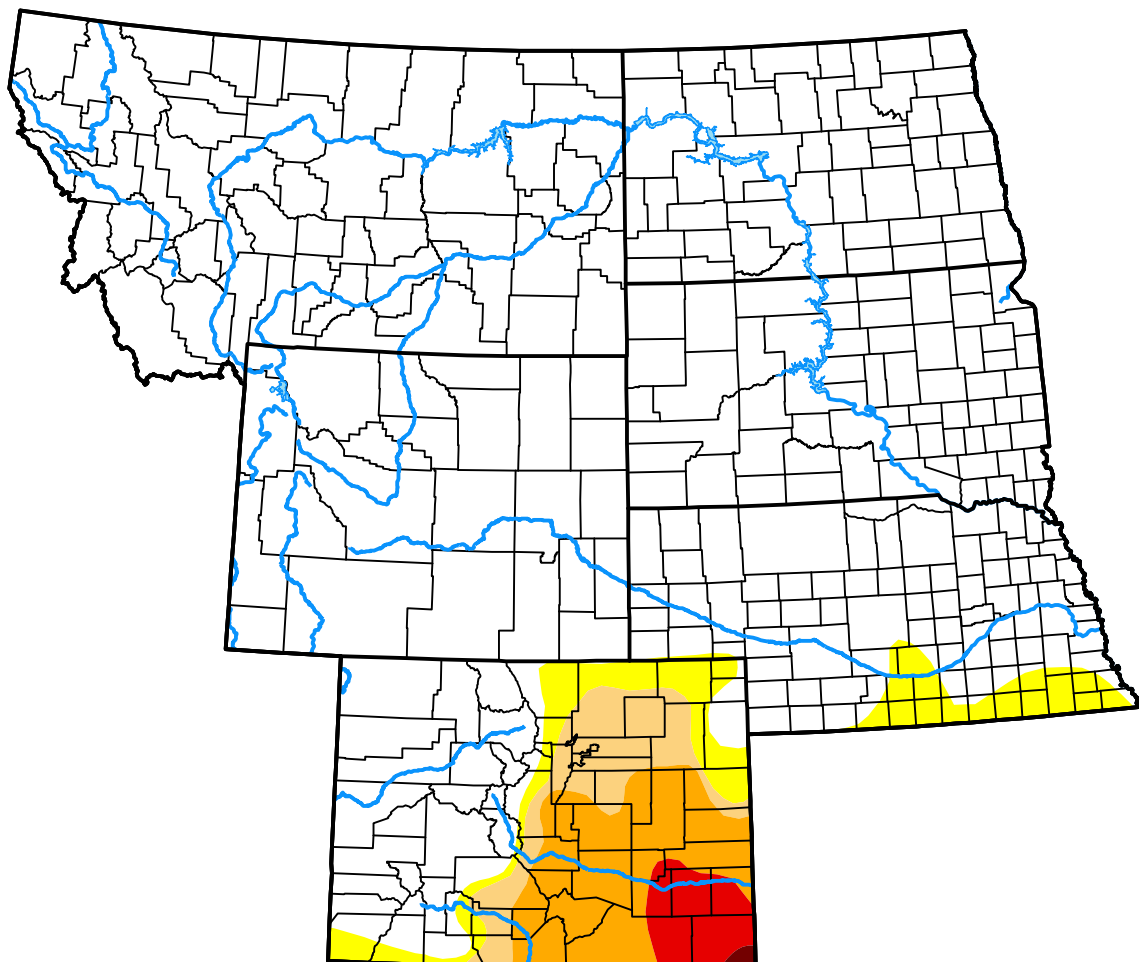


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	87.96	12.04	8.18	5.64	1.36	0.06
Last Week <i>05-10-2011</i>	83.50	16.50	9.57	7.39	0.59	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-15-2011</i>	78.34	21.66	10.51	1.62	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>05-18-2010</i>	78.06	21.94	12.11	3.40	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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