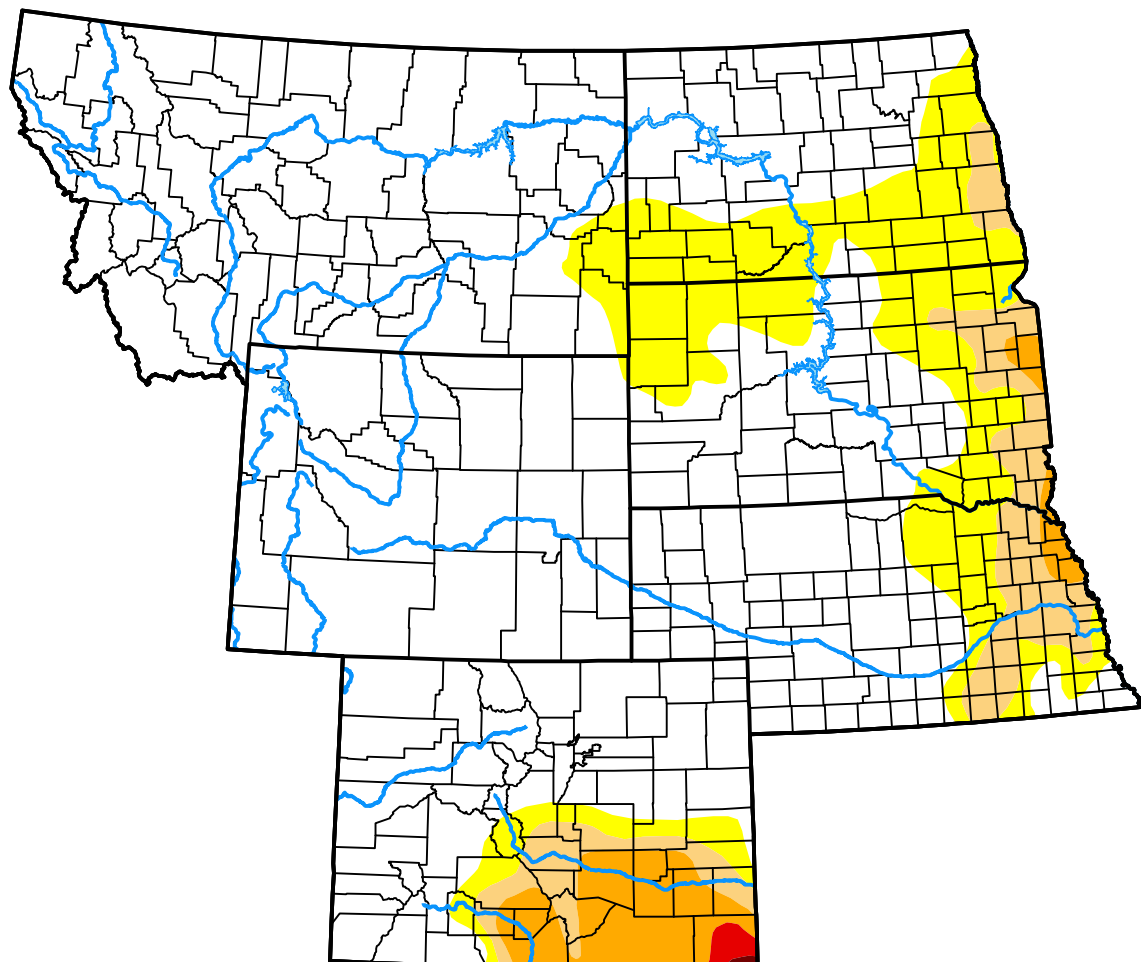


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	77.33	13.84	5.16	3.44	0.21	0.03
Last Week <i>11-29-2011</i>	76.66	13.79	5.84	3.42	0.23	0.07
3 Months Ago <i>09-06-2011</i>	85.94	8.52	1.38	2.58	1.30	0.27
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	76.75	12.75	8.67	1.84	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	73.09	20.90	2.38	2.20	1.33	0.10
One Year Ago <i>12-07-2010</i>	77.16	13.66	7.37	1.81	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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