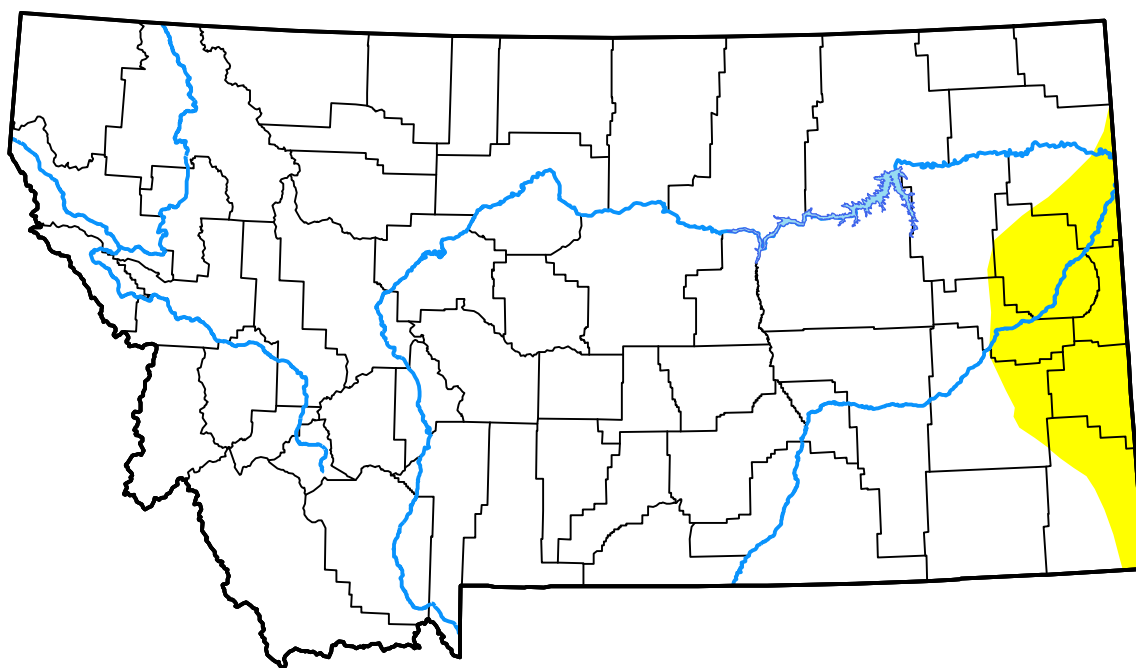


# U.S. Drought Monitor Montana

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None   | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 93.41  | 6.59  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-29-2011</i>              | 93.74  | 6.26  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-06-2011</i>           | 51.23  | 48.77 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 93.41  | 6.59  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 51.78  | 48.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-06-2011</i>           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 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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