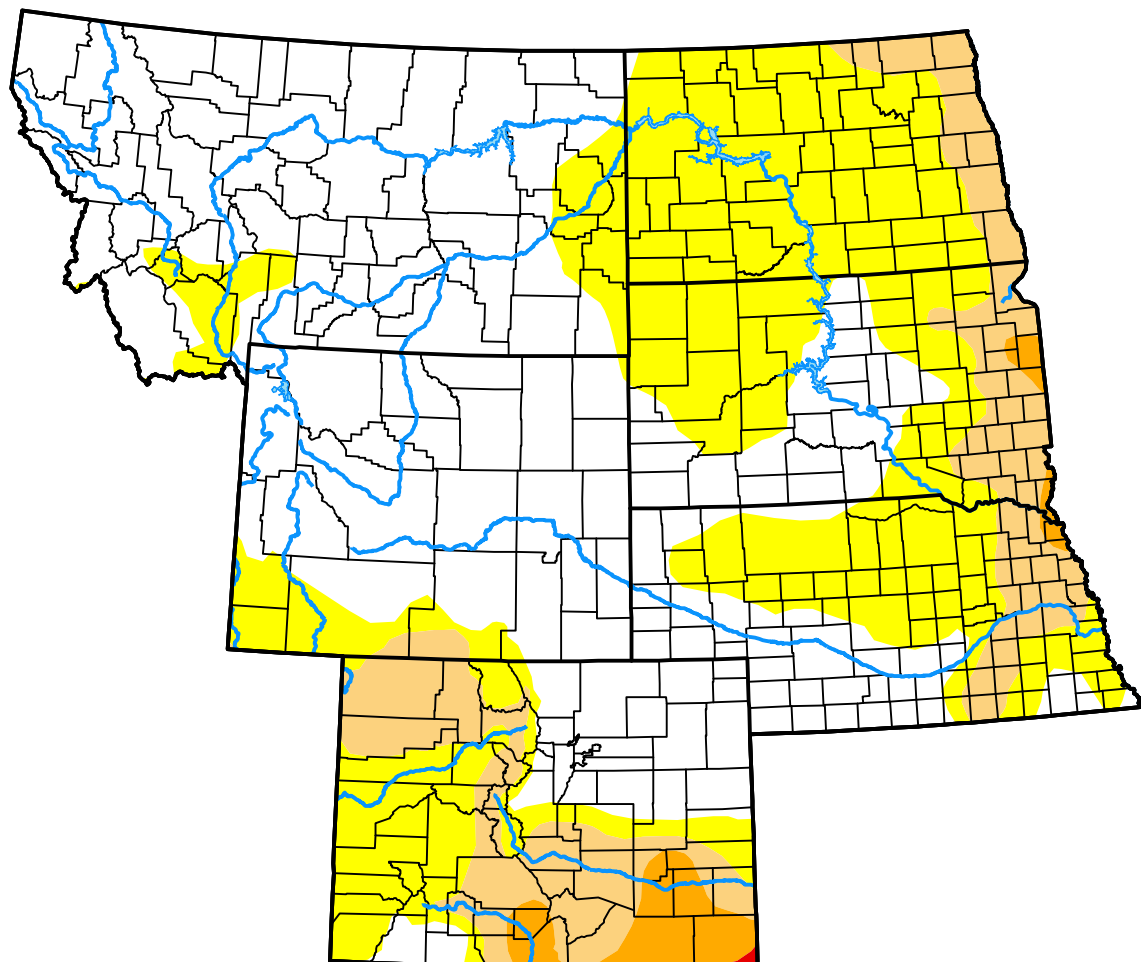


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	52.83	47.17	13.89	2.29	0.04	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>01-24-2012</i>	53.95	46.05	13.53	2.29	0.04	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-01-2011</i>	81.62	18.38	9.04	3.61	0.56	0.10
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	73.09	26.91	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-01-2011</i>	77.24	22.76	10.51	1.84	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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