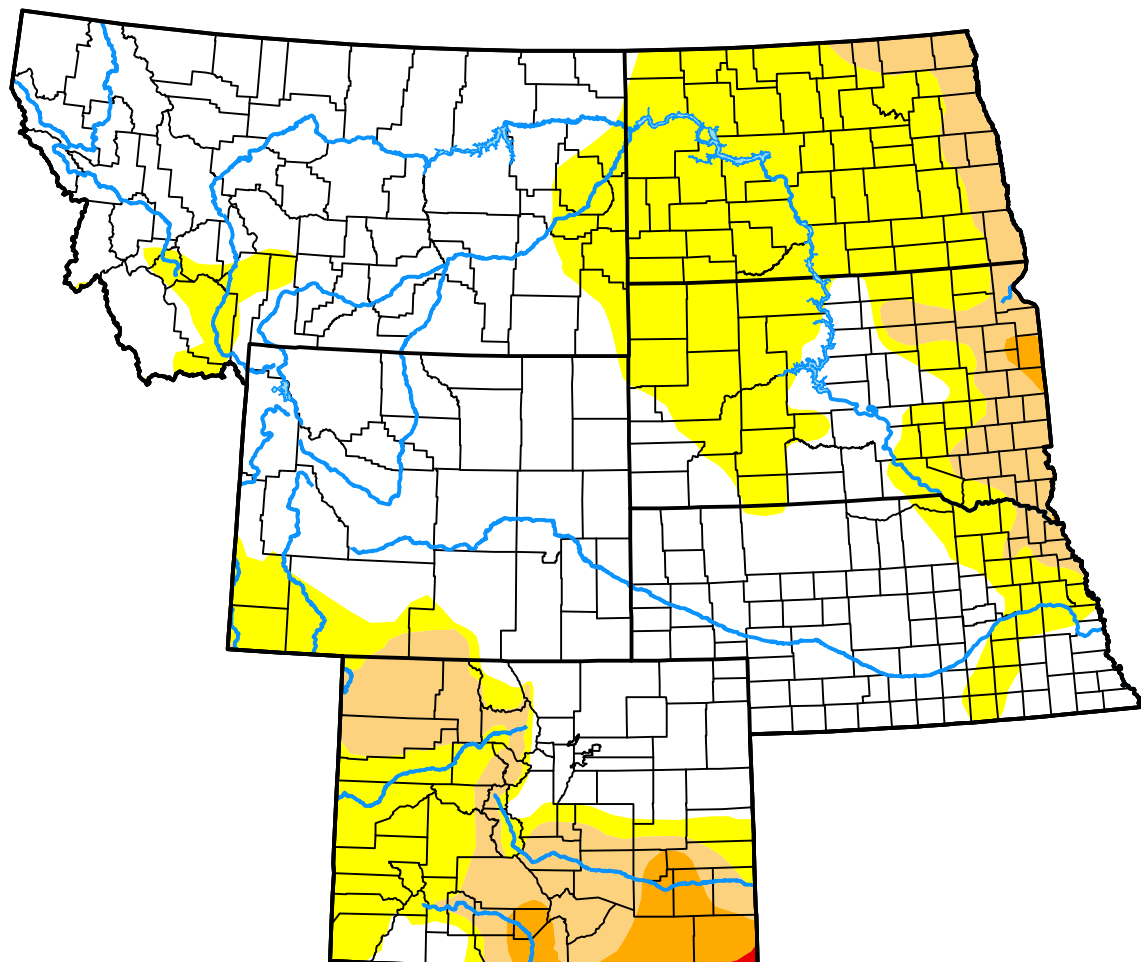


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains

### Climate Hub

**February 7, 2012**  
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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>                                     | 58.08 | 41.92 | 12.74 | 2.15  | 0.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-31-2012</i>              | 52.83 | 47.17 | 13.89 | 2.29  | 0.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-08-2011</i>           | 80.14 | 19.86 | 8.79  | 3.17  | 0.33  | 0.11 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 68.95 | 31.05 | 9.32  | 2.29  | 0.01  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 73.09 | 26.91 | 6.01  | 3.63  | 1.43  | 0.10 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-08-2011</i>           | 78.34 | 21.66 | 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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