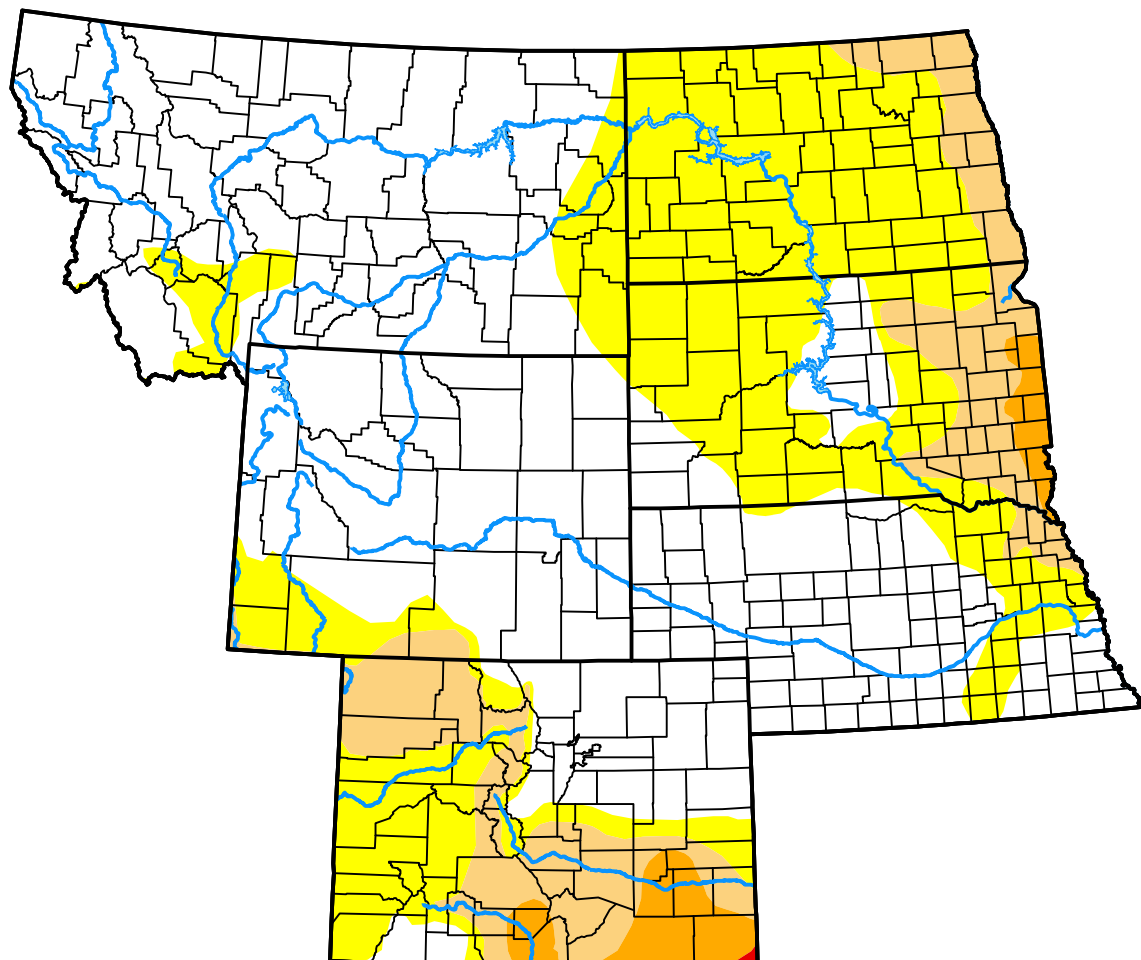


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.44	30.05	10.85	2.63	0.04	0.00
Last Week 02-14-2012	56.82	29.78	10.73	2.63	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago 11-22-2011	79.34	11.57	5.36	3.39	0.22	0.11
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	68.95	21.72	7.03	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	73.09	20.90	2.38	2.20	1.33	0.10
One Year Ago 02-22-2011	78.34	10.97	9.08	1.62	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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