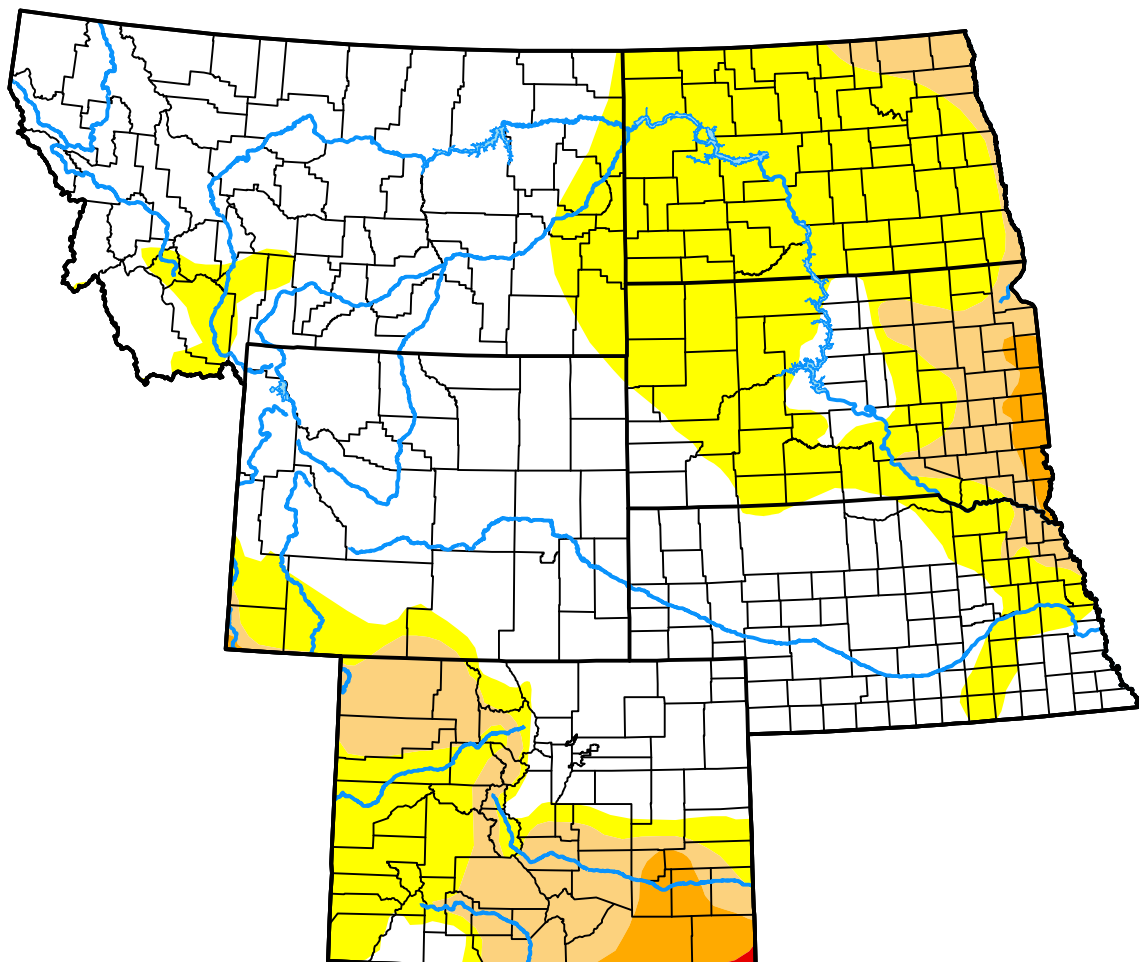


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.52	43.48	12.71	2.28	0.04	0.00
Last Week <i>02-21-2012</i>	56.44	43.56	13.51	2.66	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-29-2011</i>	76.66	23.34	9.55	3.72	0.30	0.07
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	73.09	26.91	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
One Year Ago <i>03-01-2011</i>	79.75	20.25	10.97	6.39	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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