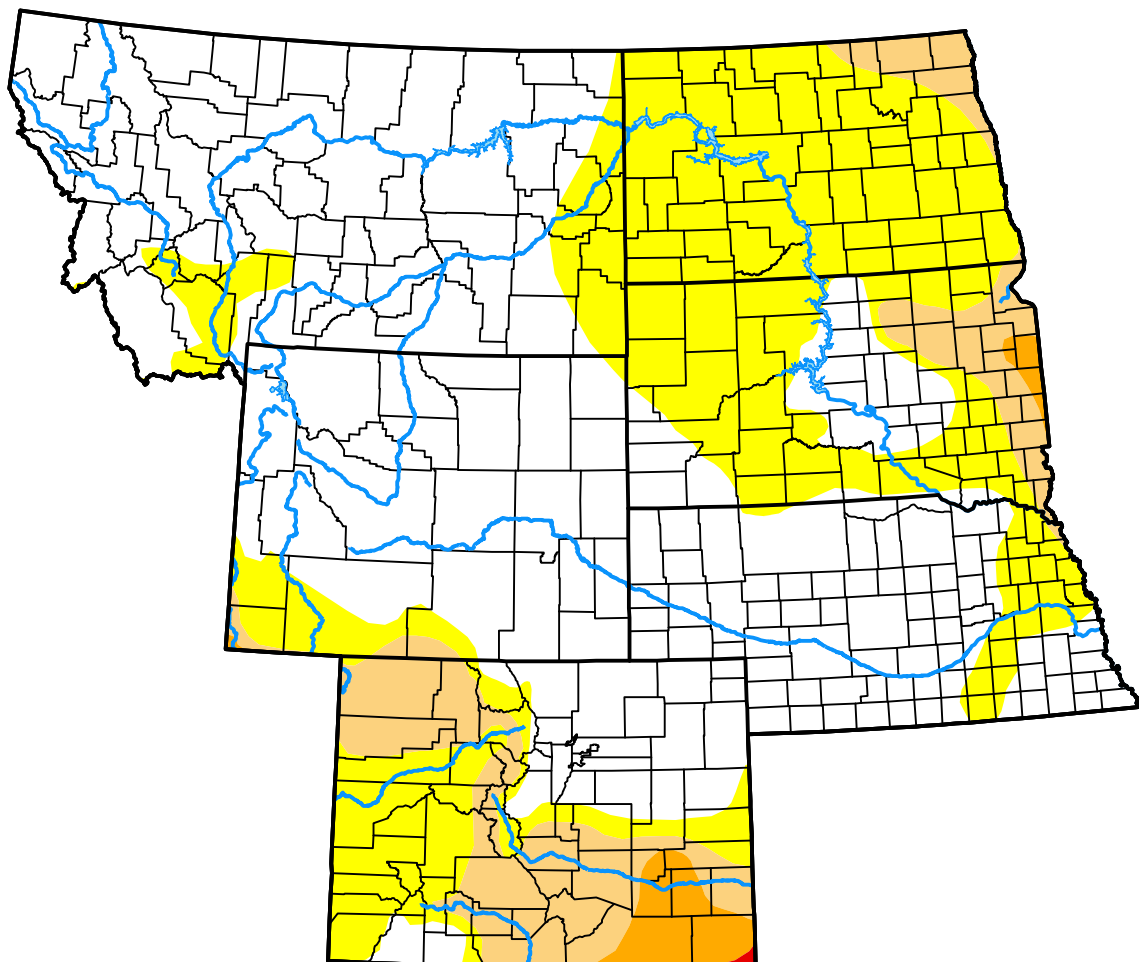


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>                                     | 58.15 | 41.85 | 11.09 | 1.82  | 0.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-28-2012</i>              | 56.52 | 43.48 | 12.71 | 2.28  | 0.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2011</i>           | 77.33 | 22.67 | 8.84  | 3.68  | 0.24  | 0.03 |
| <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>03-08-2011</i>           | 79.55 | 20.45 | 9.59  | 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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