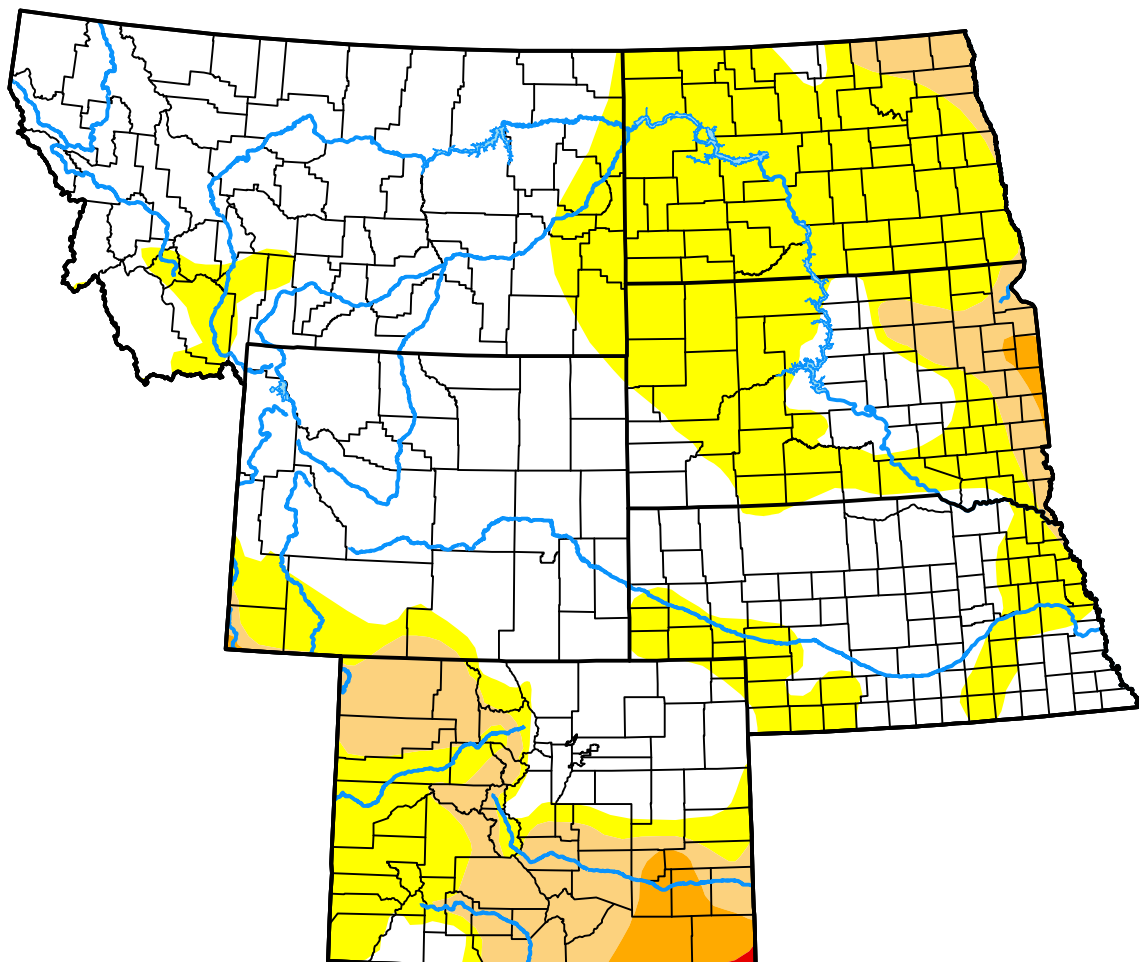


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.09	32.62	9.49	1.76	0.04	0.00
Last Week <i>03-06-2012</i>	58.15	30.76	9.27	1.78	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-13-2011</i>	77.52	13.77	5.45	3.01	0.21	0.03
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	21.72	7.03	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	73.09	20.90	2.38	2.20	1.33	0.10
One Year Ago <i>03-15-2011</i>	80.47	10.15	2.98	6.41	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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