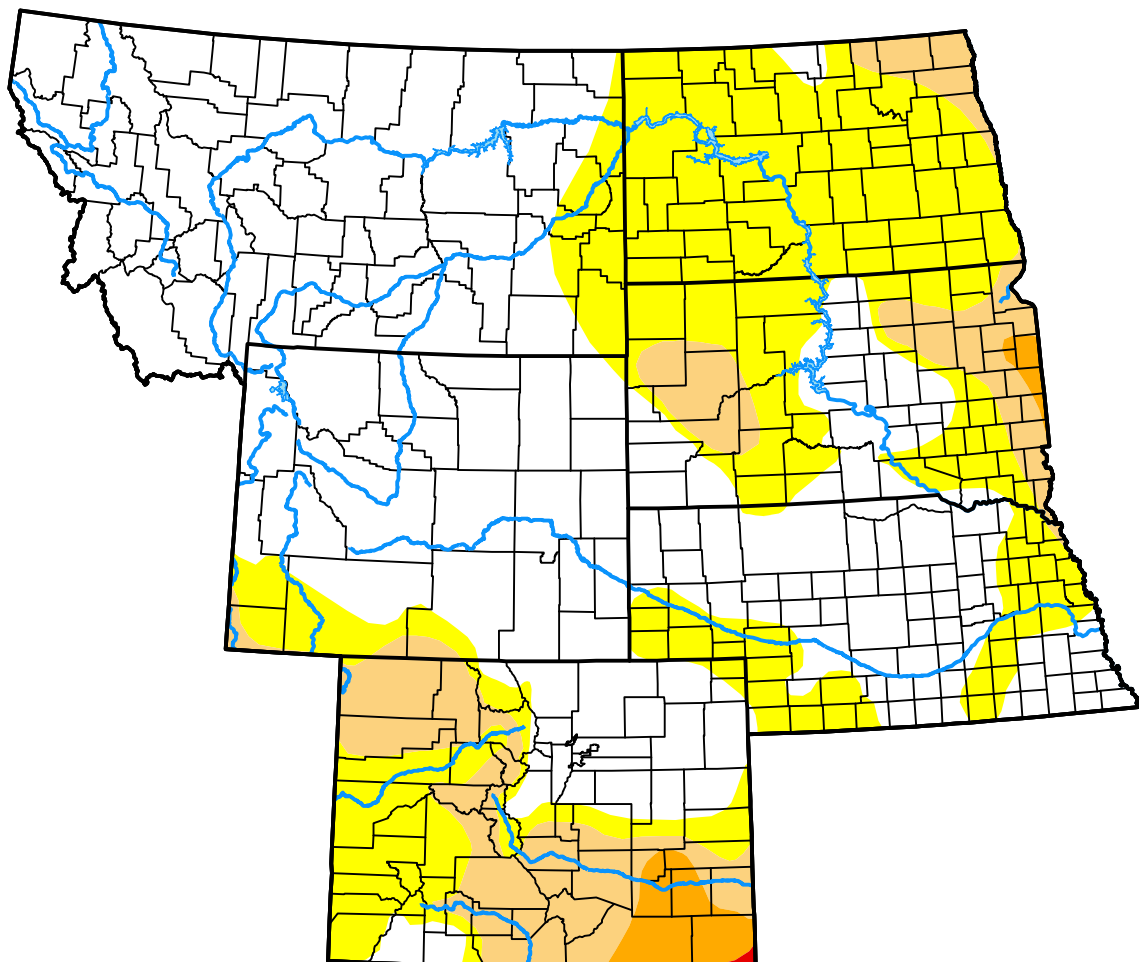


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**March 20, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 22, 2012)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 57.72 | 29.68 | 10.82 | 1.74 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>03-13-2012              | 56.09 | 32.62 | 9.49  | 1.76 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-20-2011           | 73.46 | 17.22 | 6.24  | 3.07 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2012 | 68.95 | 21.72 | 7.03  | 2.29 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2011    | 73.09 | 20.90 | 2.38  | 2.20 | 1.33 | 0.10 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>03-22-2011           | 78.91 | 11.61 | 2.30  | 7.18 | 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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