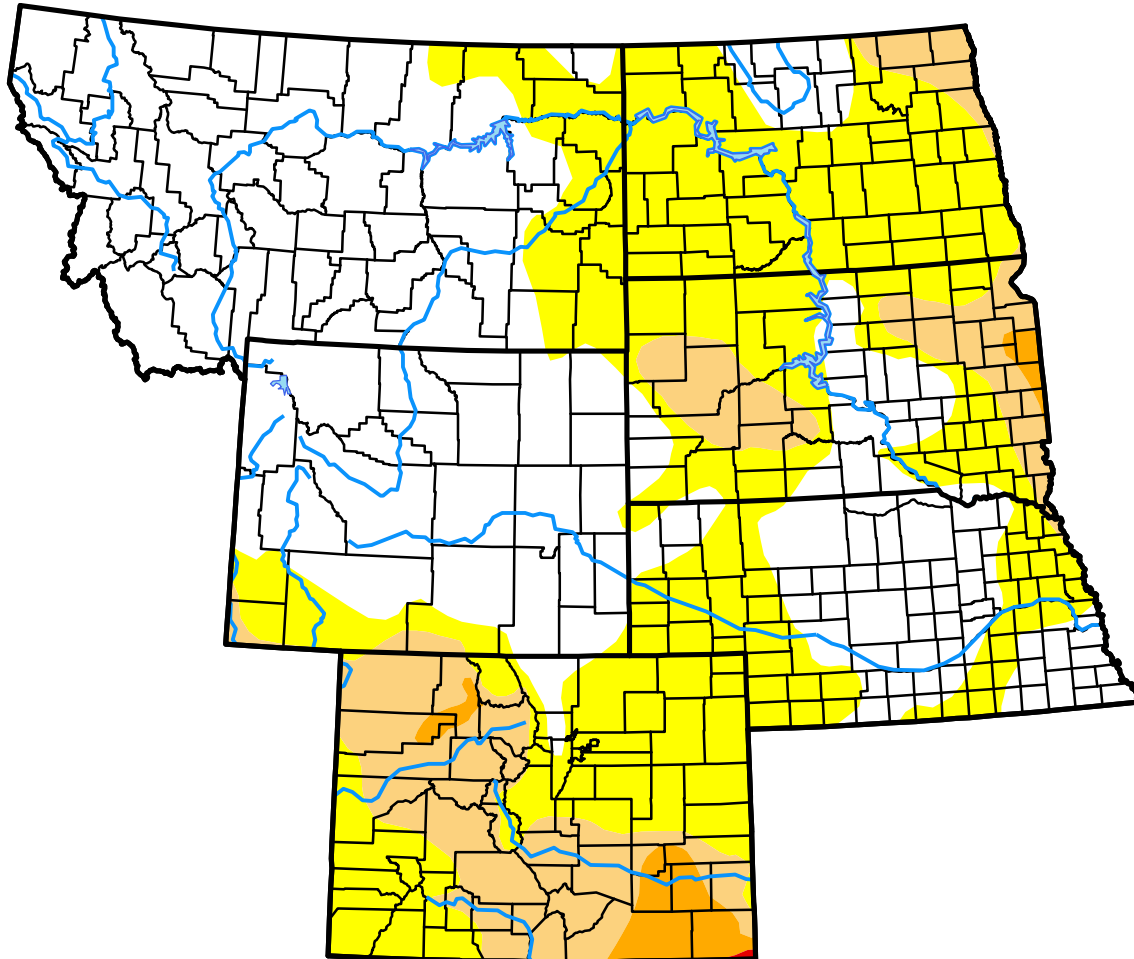


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	48.99	36.43	12.63	1.92	0.03	0.00
Last Week <i>03-20-2012</i>	57.72	29.68	10.82	1.74	0.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-27-2011</i>	72.63	18.05	6.24	3.07	0.01	0.00
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>03-29-2011</i>	78.91	11.02	2.88	7.20	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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