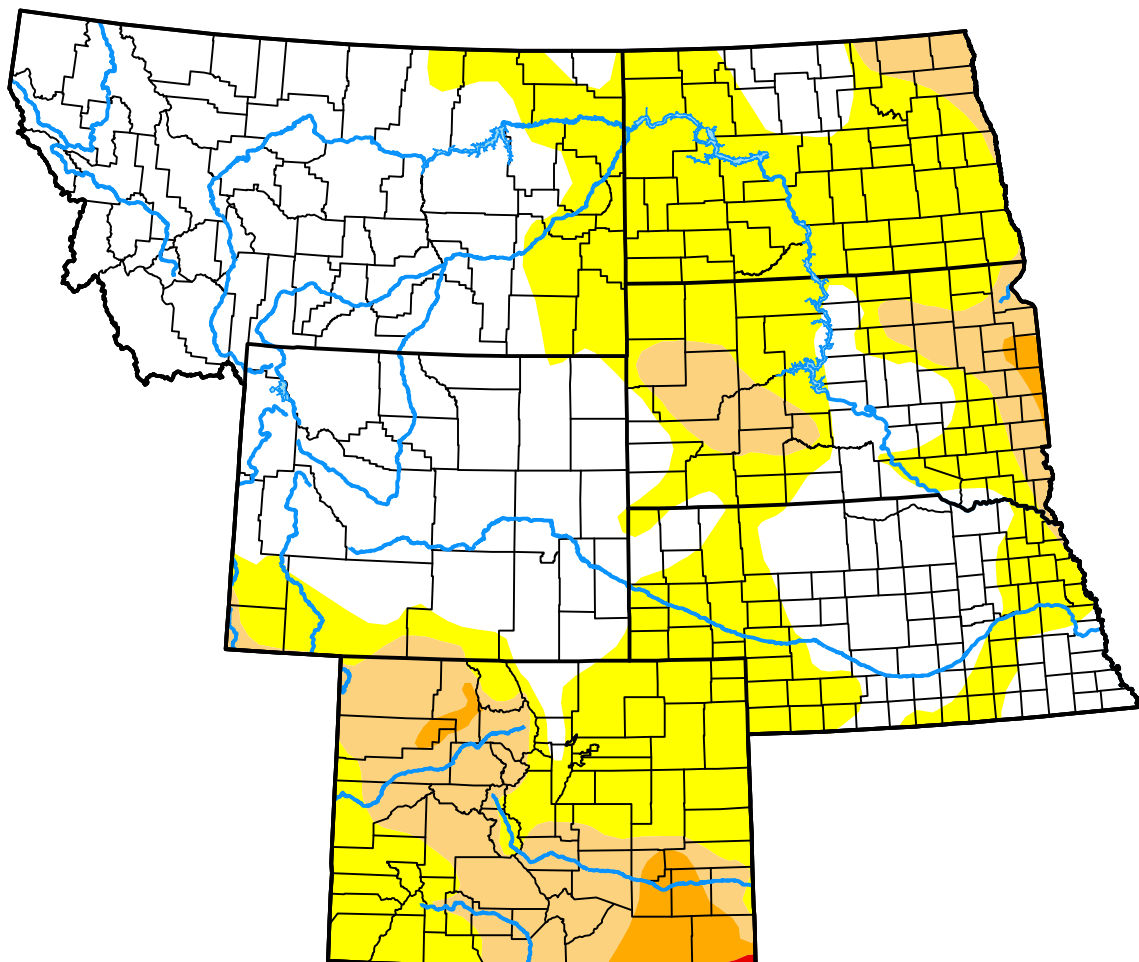


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	48.99	51.01	14.57	1.94	0.03	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 03-20-2012	57.72	42.28	12.60	1.78	0.04	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 12-27-2011	72.63	27.37	9.32	3.08	0.01	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2012	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2011	73.09	26.91	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
<b>One Year Ago</b> 03-29-2011	78.91	21.09	10.07	7.20	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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