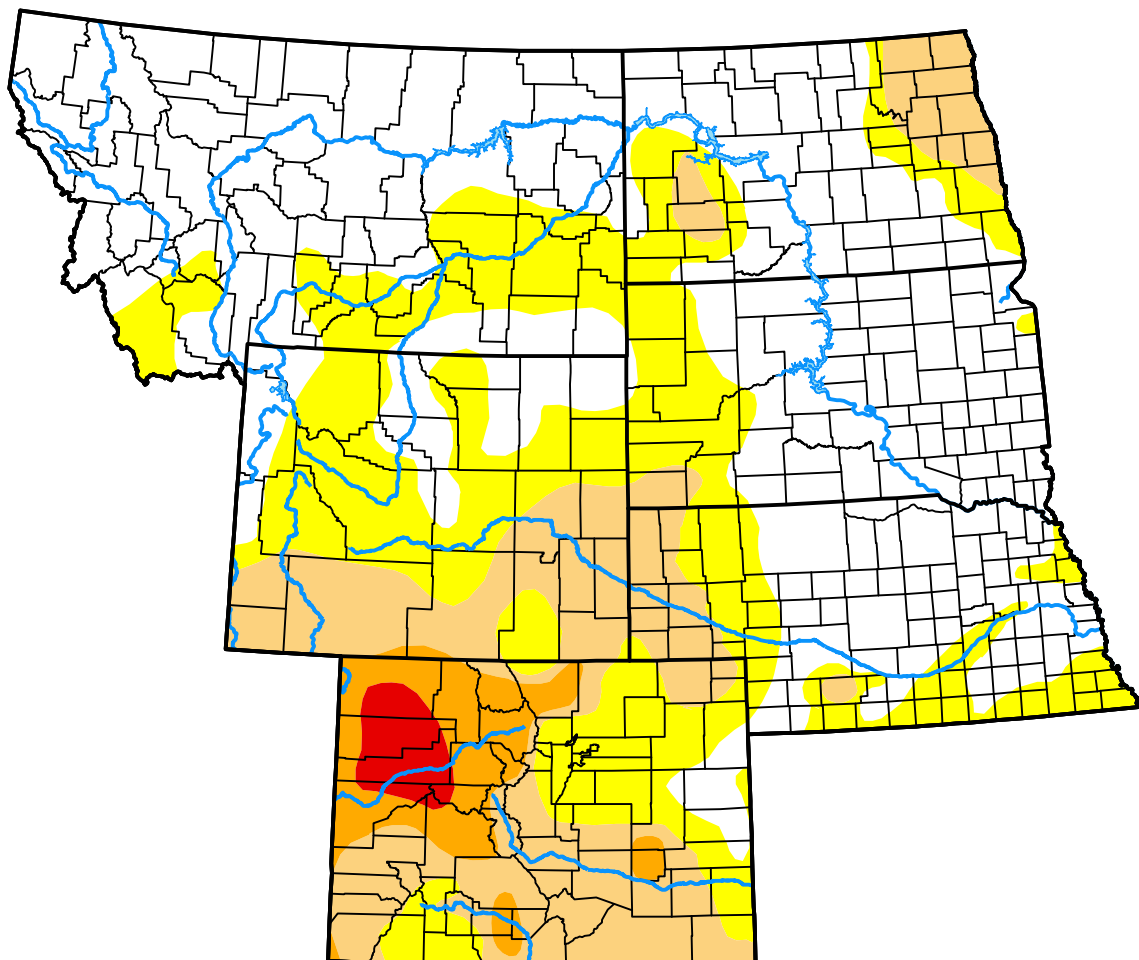


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	50.53	27.21	16.77	4.17	1.32	0.00
Last Week <i>05-15-2012</i>	54.50	30.42	9.90	5.18	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-21-2012</i>	56.44	30.05	10.85	2.63	0.04	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>05-24-2011</i>	90.92	2.49	1.83	3.39	1.21	0.16

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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