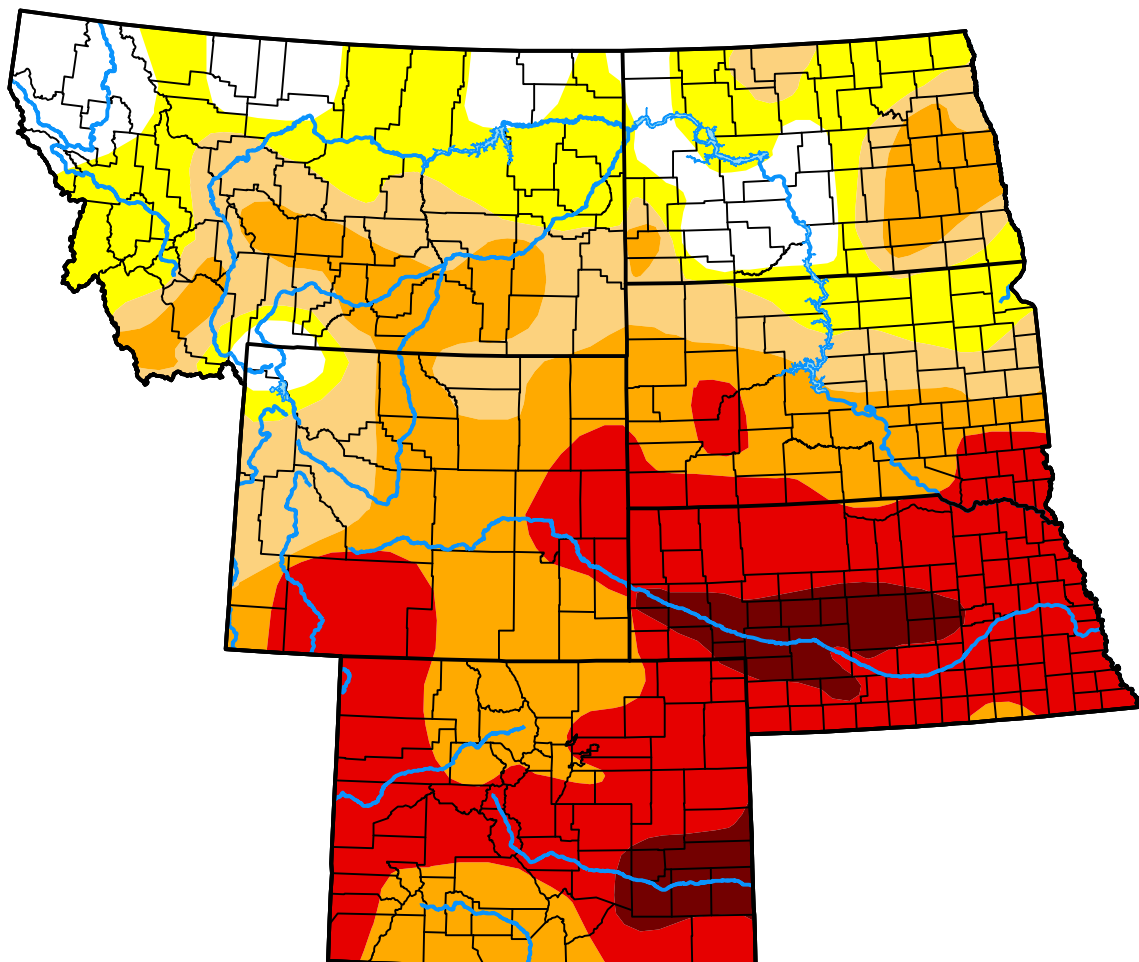


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.17	17.02	15.62	26.12	27.28	4.78
Last Week <i>08-14-2012</i>	9.86	17.61	14.09	27.27	26.47	4.70
3 Months Ago <i>05-22-2012</i>	50.53	27.21	16.77	4.17	1.32	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>08-23-2011</i>	88.74	5.99	1.09	2.02	1.95	0.22

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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