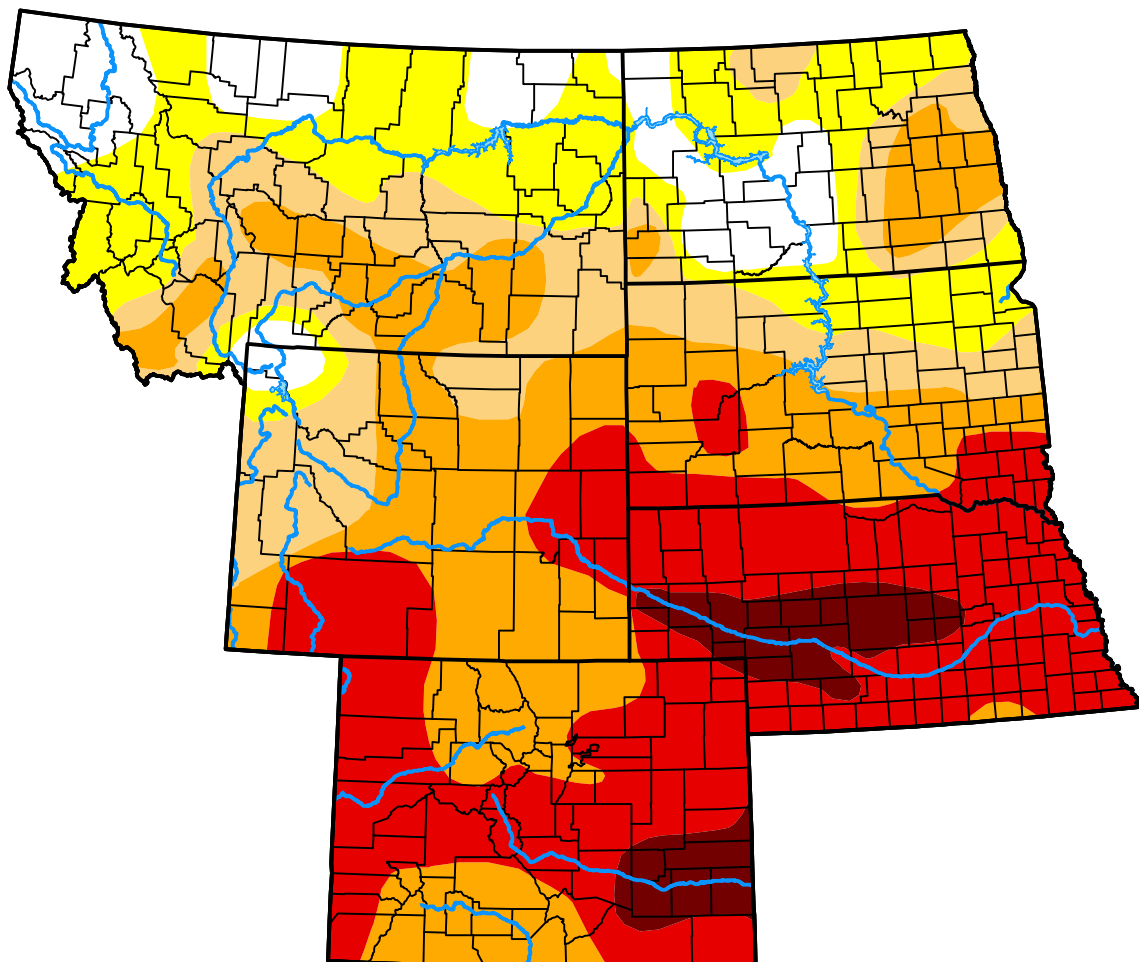


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	9.17	90.83	73.81	58.19	32.06	4.78
<b>Last Week</b> 08-14-2012	9.86	90.14	72.53	58.44	31.17	4.70
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-22-2012	50.53	49.47	22.26	5.49	1.32	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> 08-23-2011	88.74	11.26	5.27	4.18	2.17	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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