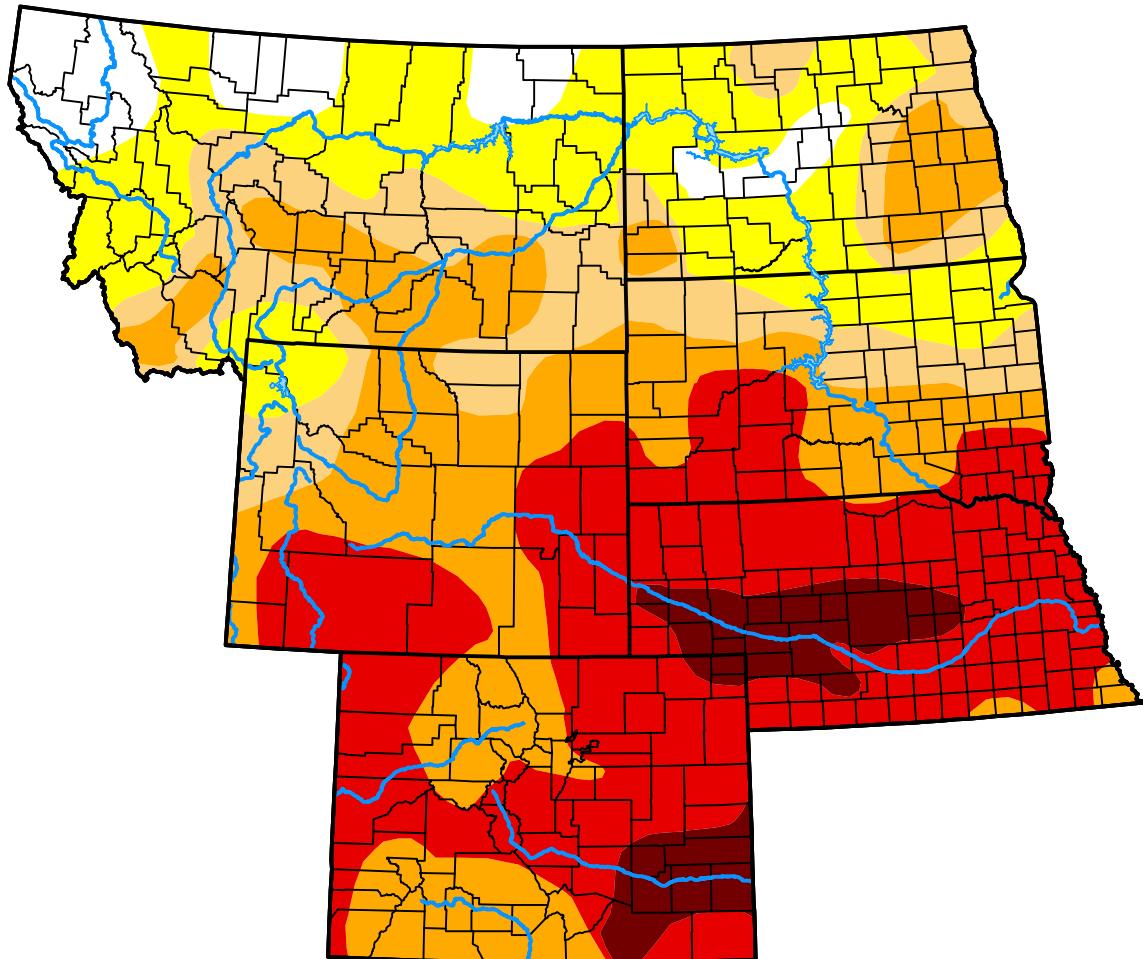


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.15	93.85	74.35	60.15	35.16	5.37
Last Week 08-21-2012	9.17	90.83	73.81	58.19	32.06	4.78
3 Months Ago 05-29-2012	48.57	51.43	23.41	6.36	1.79	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	73.09	26.91	6.01	3.63	1.43	0.10
One Year Ago 08-30-2011	87.76	12.24	5.33	4.20	1.58	0.27

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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