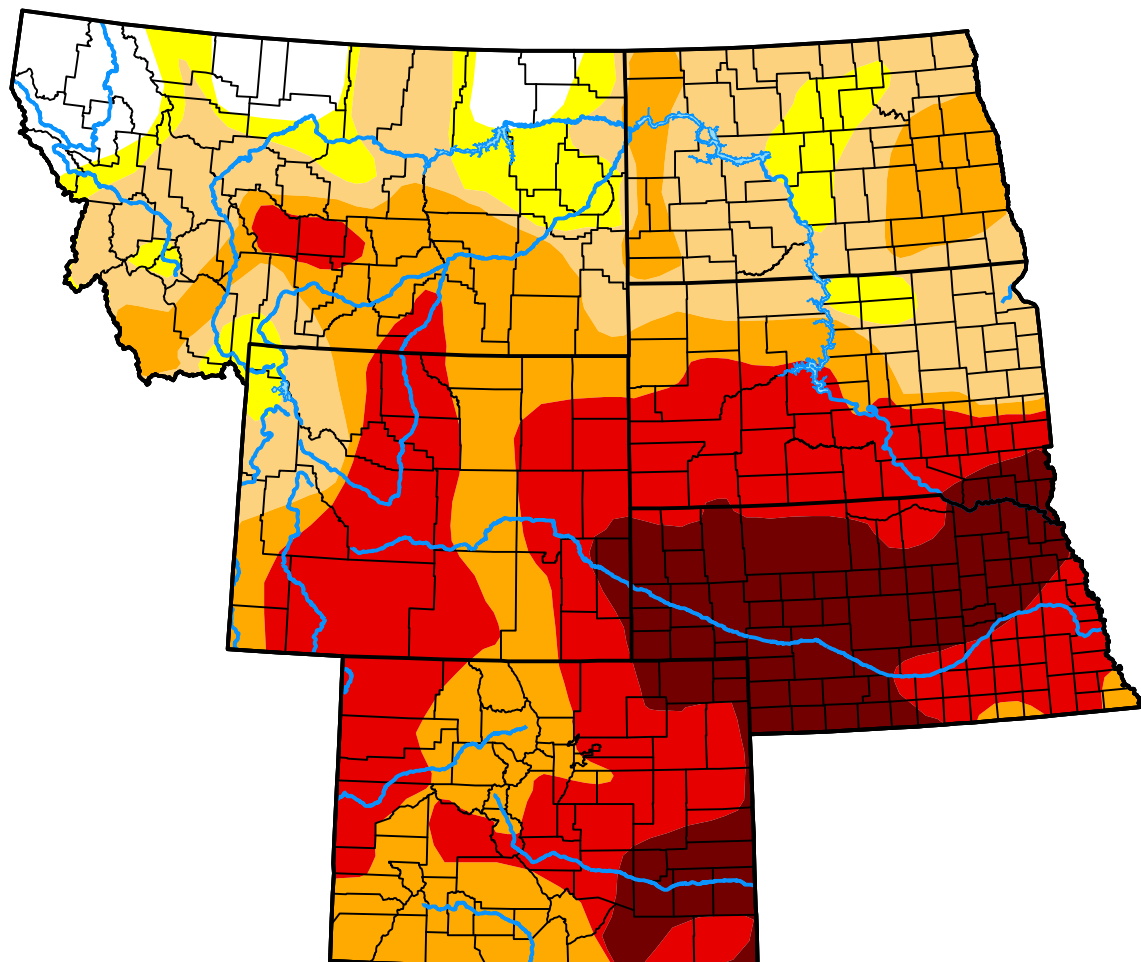


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	5.06	7.48	20.88	24.39	28.47	13.72
Last Week <i>09-11-2012</i>	5.06	9.03	19.39	24.30	28.64	13.58
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2012</i>	30.78	28.53	26.39	8.79	5.50	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>09-20-2011</i>	85.45	8.54	2.38	2.20	1.33	0.10

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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