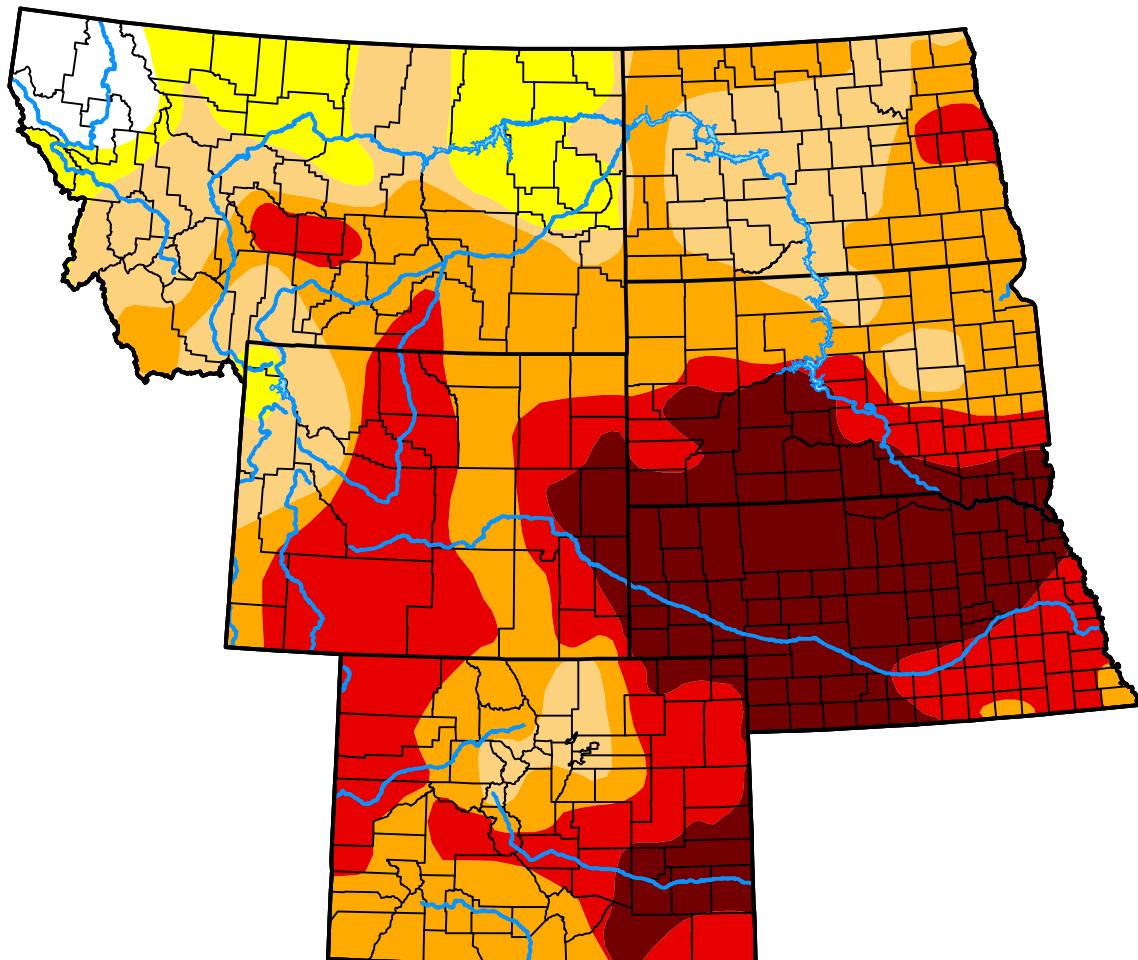


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.36	7.84	18.64	29.85	22.66	18.66
Last Week 10-02-2012	4.80	5.14	18.96	29.54	23.20	18.35
3 Months Ago 07-10-2012	15.57	16.07	29.10	23.88	14.37	1.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	68.95	21.72	7.03	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-25-2012	4.80	5.77	21.95	24.71	28.48	14.29
One Year Ago 10-11-2011	85.86	8.12	2.40	2.45	1.07	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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