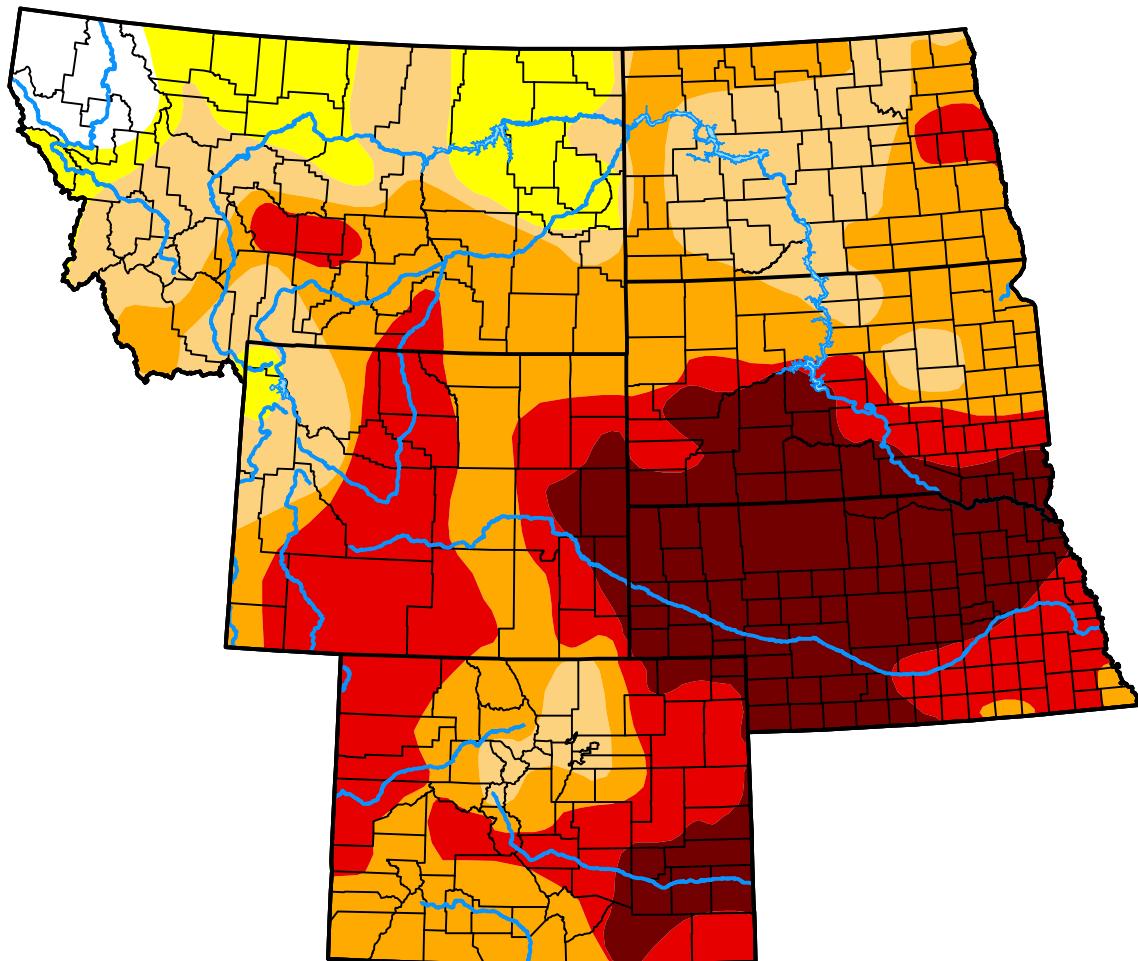


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.36	97.64	89.80	71.16	41.31	18.66
Last Week 10-02-2012	4.80	95.20	90.06	71.10	41.56	18.35
3 Months Ago 07-10-2012	15.57	84.43	68.36	39.26	15.37	1.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-25-2012	4.80	95.20	89.43	67.48	42.77	14.29
One Year Ago 10-11-2011	85.86	14.14	6.02	3.63	1.17	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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