

U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

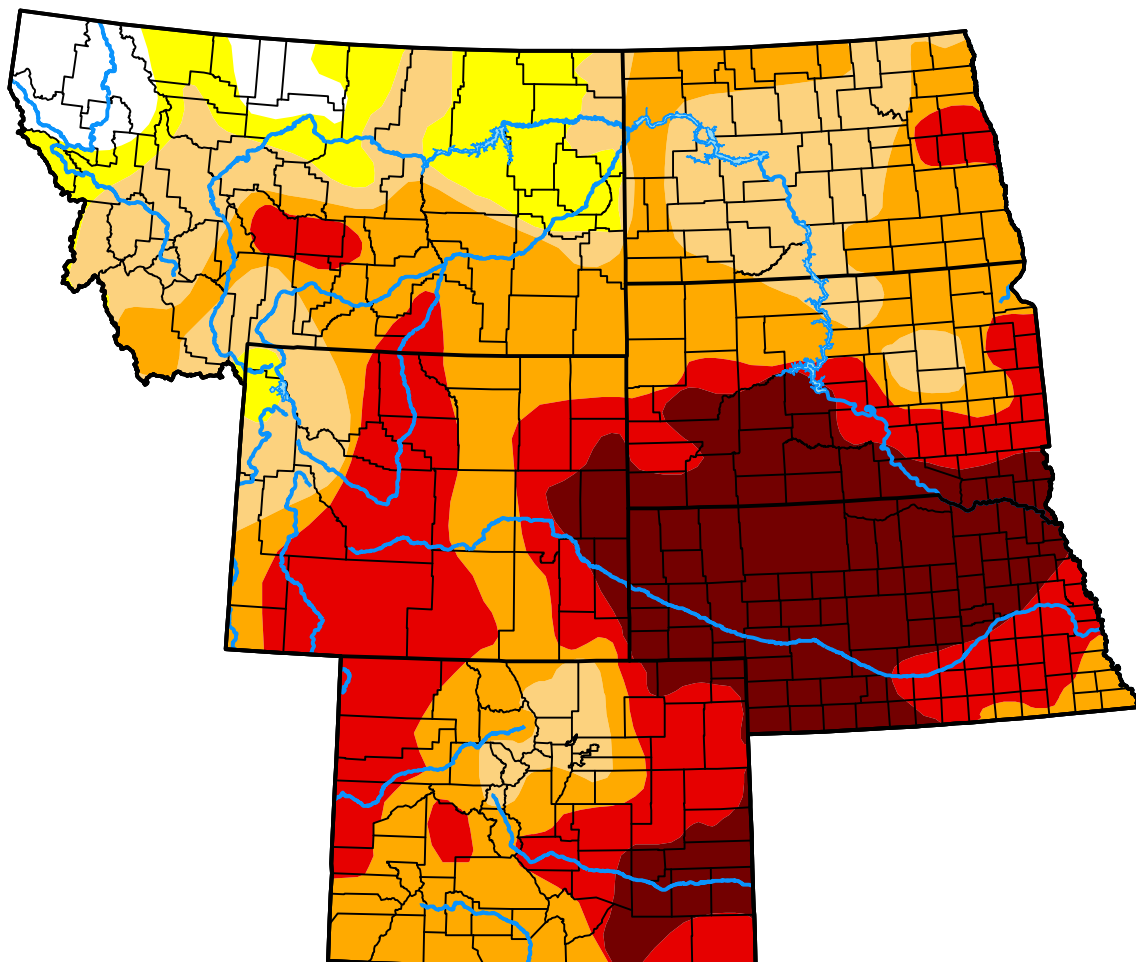
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	3.34	7.30	18.29	29.87	22.55	18.66
Last Week 10-09-2012	2.36	7.84	18.64	29.85	22.66	18.66
3 Months Ago 07-17-2012	12.16	16.90	19.49	35.69	15.44	0.32
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 10-18-2011	85.42	8.56	2.39	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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