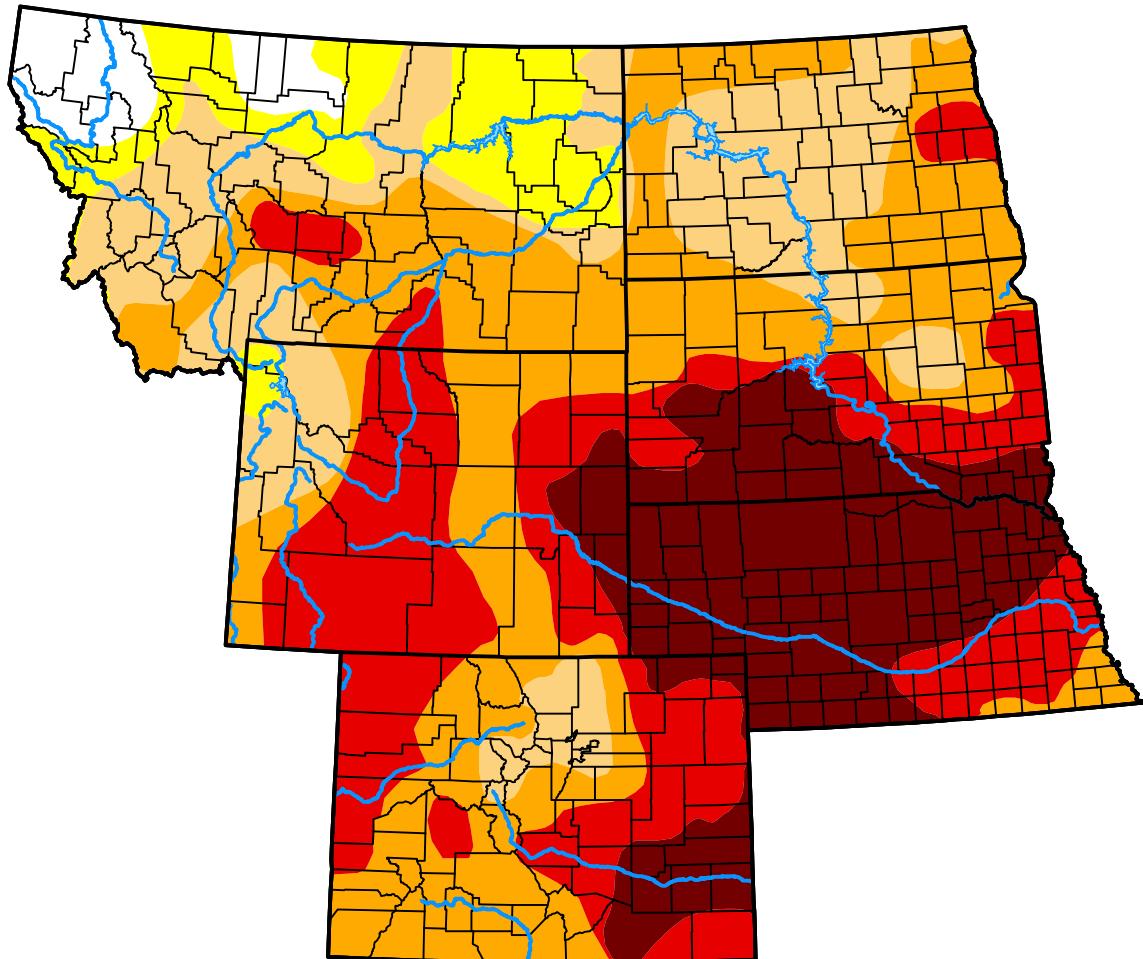


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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(Released Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012)  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|   | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Current                                 | 3.34  | 96.66 | 89.36 | 71.07 | 41.20 | 18.66 |
| Last Week<br>10-09-2012                 | 2.36  | 97.64 | 89.80 | 71.16 | 41.31 | 18.66 |
| 3 Months Ago<br>07-17-2012              | 12.16 | 87.84 | 70.94 | 51.45 | 15.76 | 0.32  |
| Start of<br>Calendar Year<br>01-03-2012 | 68.95 | 31.05 | 9.32  | 2.29  | 0.01  | 0.00  |
| Start of<br>Water Year<br>09-25-2012    | 4.80  | 95.20 | 89.43 | 67.48 | 42.77 | 14.29 |
| One Year Ago<br>10-18-2011              | 85.42 | 14.58 | 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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