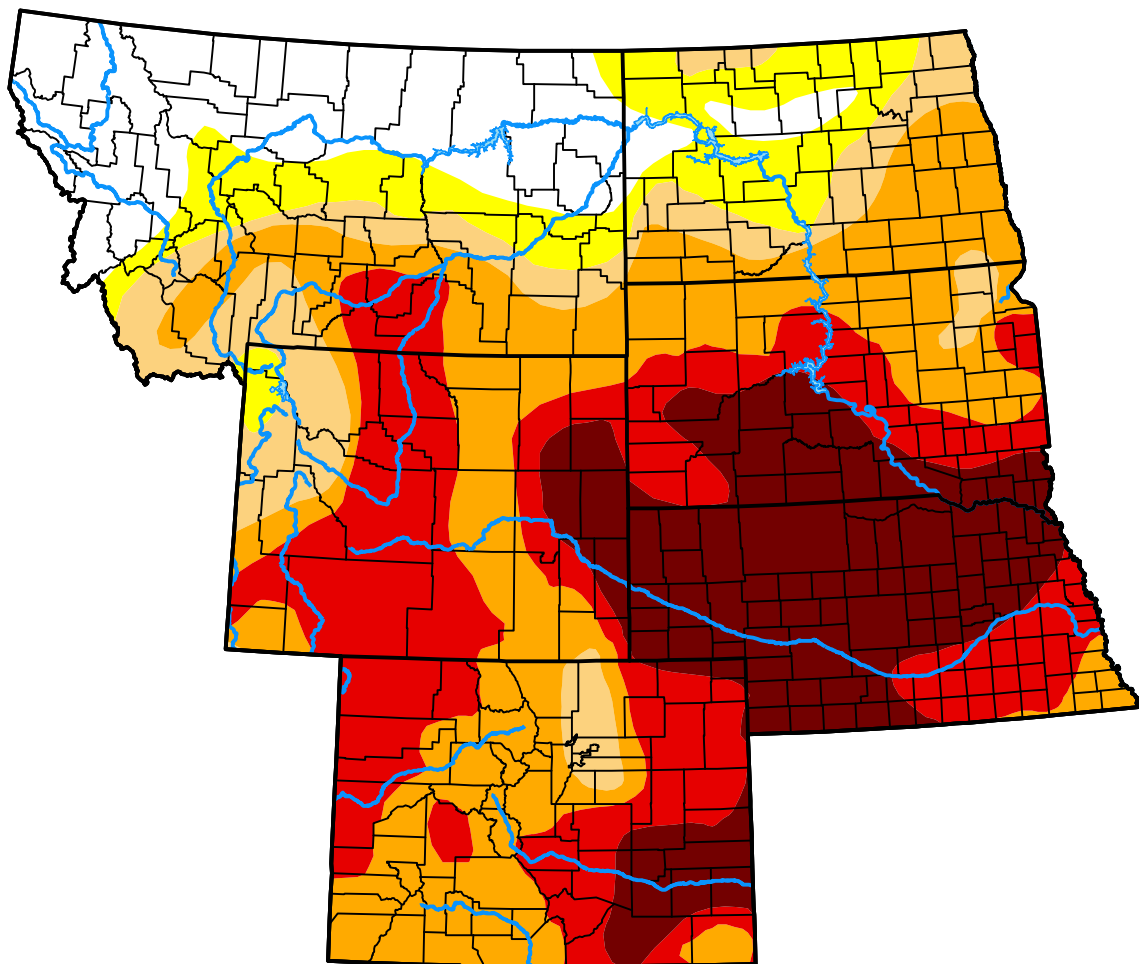


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.77	86.23	77.36	67.43	41.81	18.72
Last Week <i>11-27-2012</i>	12.68	87.32	78.05	67.37	41.38	18.55
3 Months Ago <i>09-04-2012</i>	5.90	94.10	83.11	65.79	42.53	13.09
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	68.95	31.05	9.32	2.29	0.01	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	4.80	95.20	89.43	67.48	42.77	14.29
One Year Ago <i>12-06-2011</i>	77.33	22.67	8.84	3.68	0.24	0.03

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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