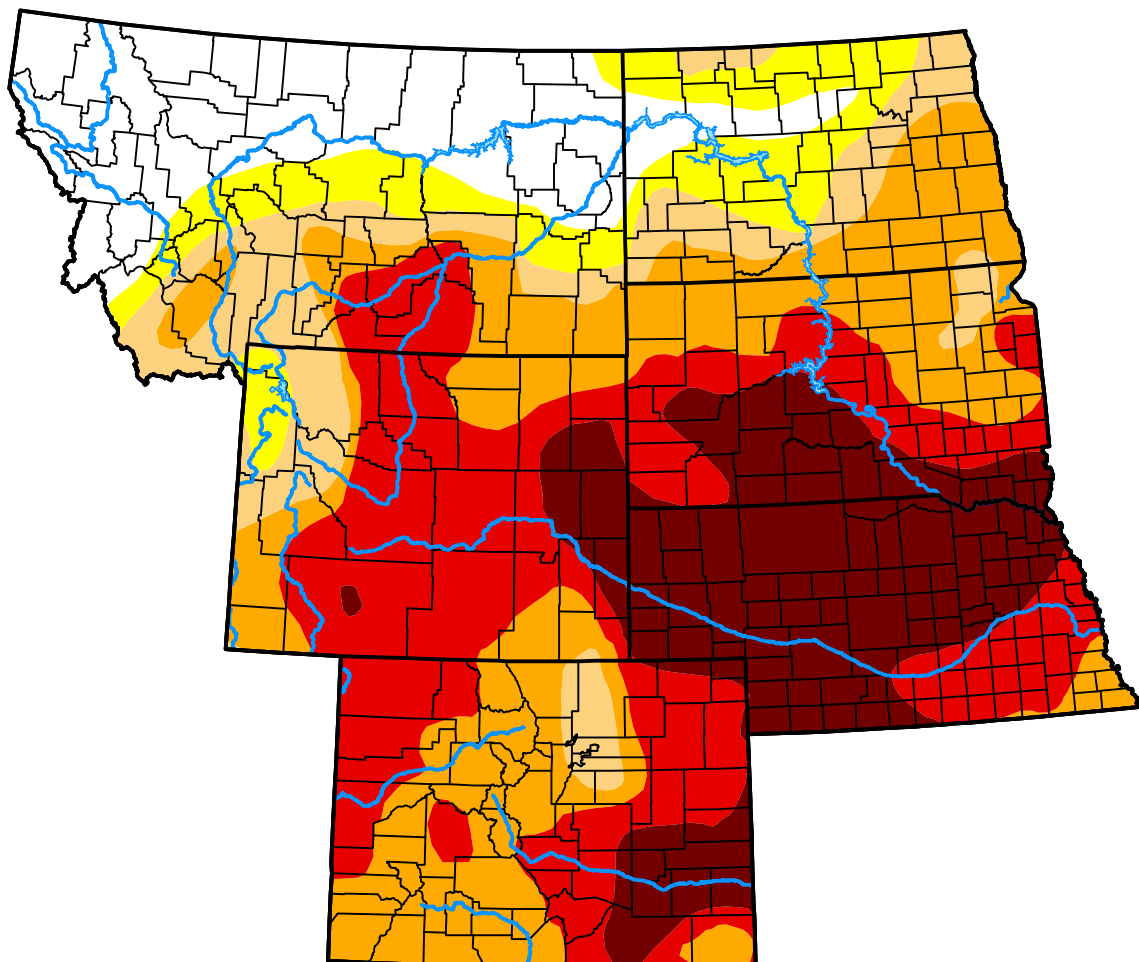


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.83	85.17	76.87	66.98	43.85	18.79
Last Week 12-11-2012	15.09	84.91	76.45	66.18	41.81	18.72
3 Months Ago 09-18-2012	5.06	94.94	87.46	66.58	42.19	13.72
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 12-20-2011	73.46	26.54	9.32	3.08	0.01	0.00

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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