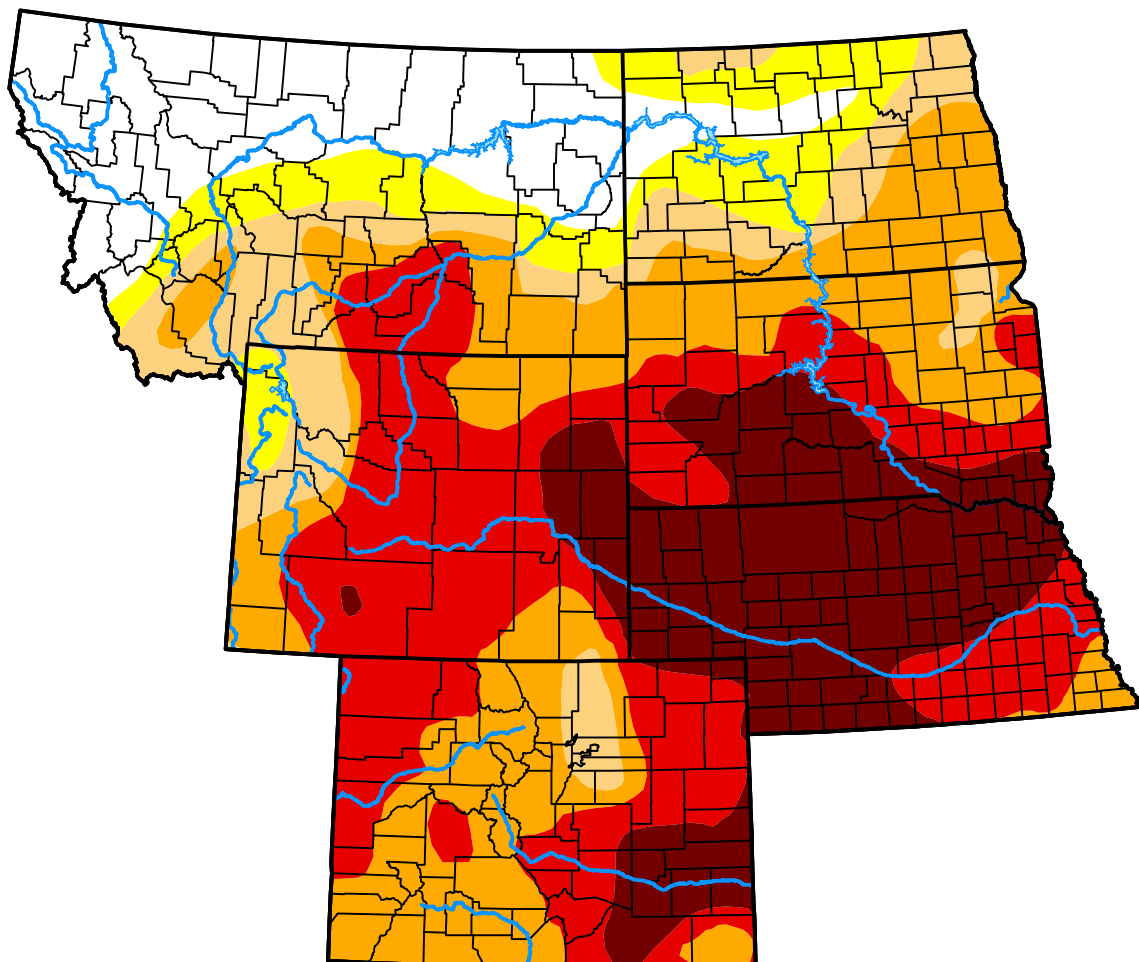


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**January 1, 2013**  
*(Released Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 14.83 | 85.17 | 76.87 | 66.98 | 43.85 | 18.79 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-25-2012</i>              | 14.83 | 85.17 | 76.87 | 66.98 | 43.85 | 18.79 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-02-2012</i>           | 4.80  | 95.20 | 90.06 | 71.10 | 41.56 | 18.35 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2013</i> | 14.83 | 85.17 | 76.87 | 66.98 | 43.85 | 18.79 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2012</i>    | 4.80  | 95.20 | 89.43 | 67.48 | 42.77 | 14.29 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i>           | 68.95 | 31.05 | 9.32  | 2.29  | 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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