

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

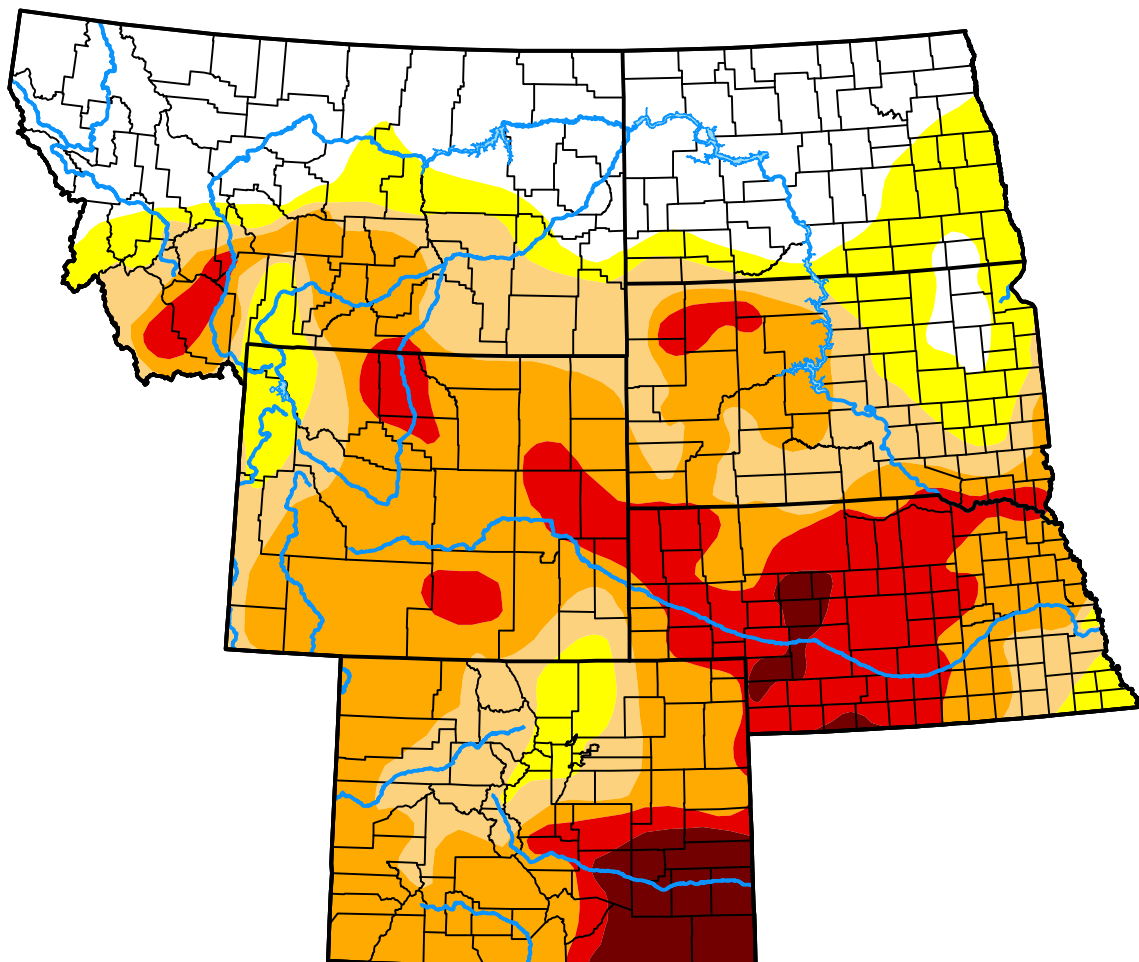
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	23.00	77.00	64.55	47.10	16.28	3.68
<b>Last Week</b> 05-14-2013	19.47	80.53	67.89	51.79	20.30	3.91
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 02-19-2013	19.71	80.29	74.12	63.37	41.28	20.64
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-01-2013	14.83	85.17	76.87	66.98	43.85	18.79
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2012	4.80	95.20	89.43	67.48	42.77	14.29
<b>One Year Ago</b> 05-22-2012	50.53	49.47	22.26	5.49	1.32	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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