

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**March 4, 2014**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 68.03 | 31.97 | 10.99 | 5.83  | 1.35  | 0.27  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-25-2014</i>              | 67.92 | 32.08 | 11.09 | 6.02  | 1.36  | 0.27  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-03-2013</i>           | 59.69 | 40.31 | 11.91 | 6.13  | 1.37  | 0.27  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2013</i> | 61.90 | 38.10 | 12.18 | 6.04  | 1.37  | 0.27  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2013</i>    | 41.24 | 58.76 | 33.79 | 12.98 | 2.10  | 0.27  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-05-2013</i>           | 19.23 | 80.77 | 74.02 | 62.95 | 40.37 | 19.87 |

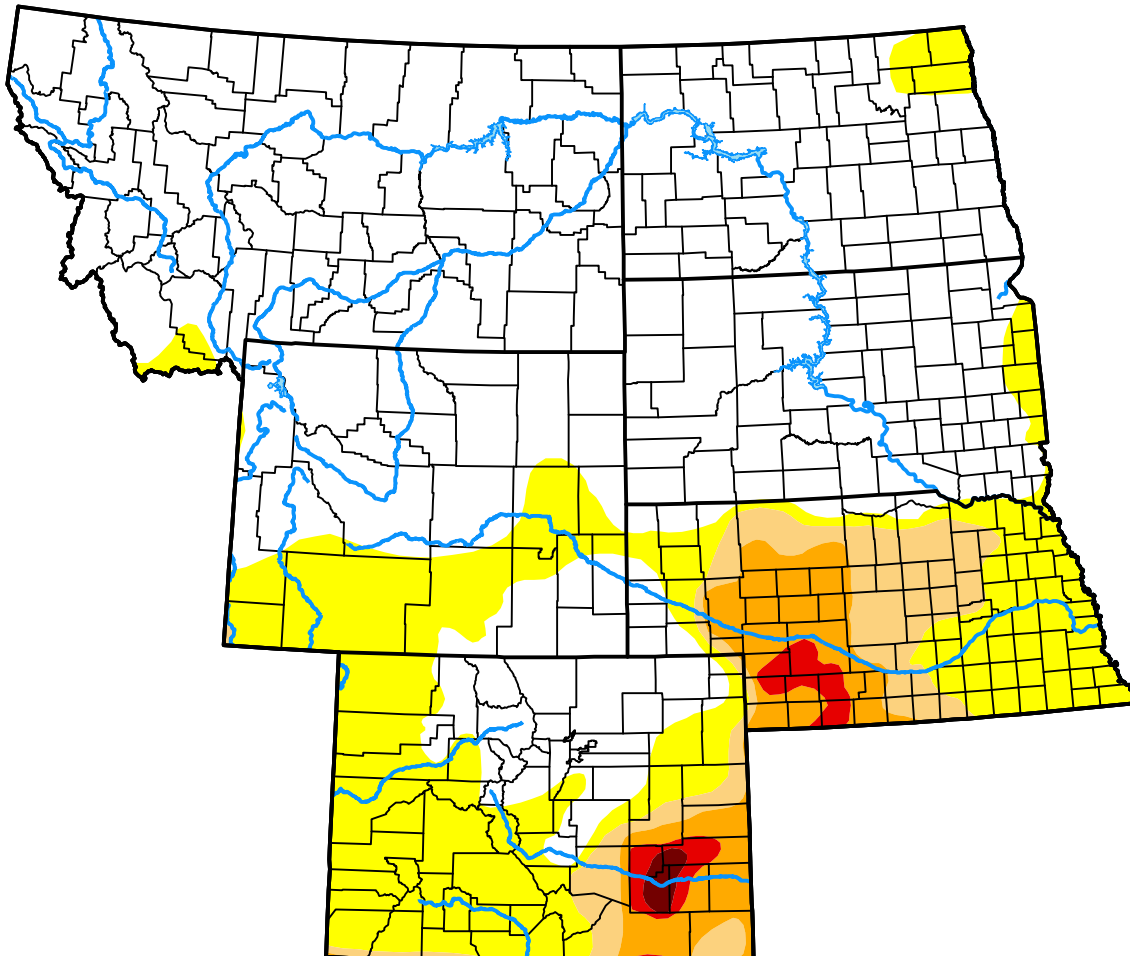
### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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