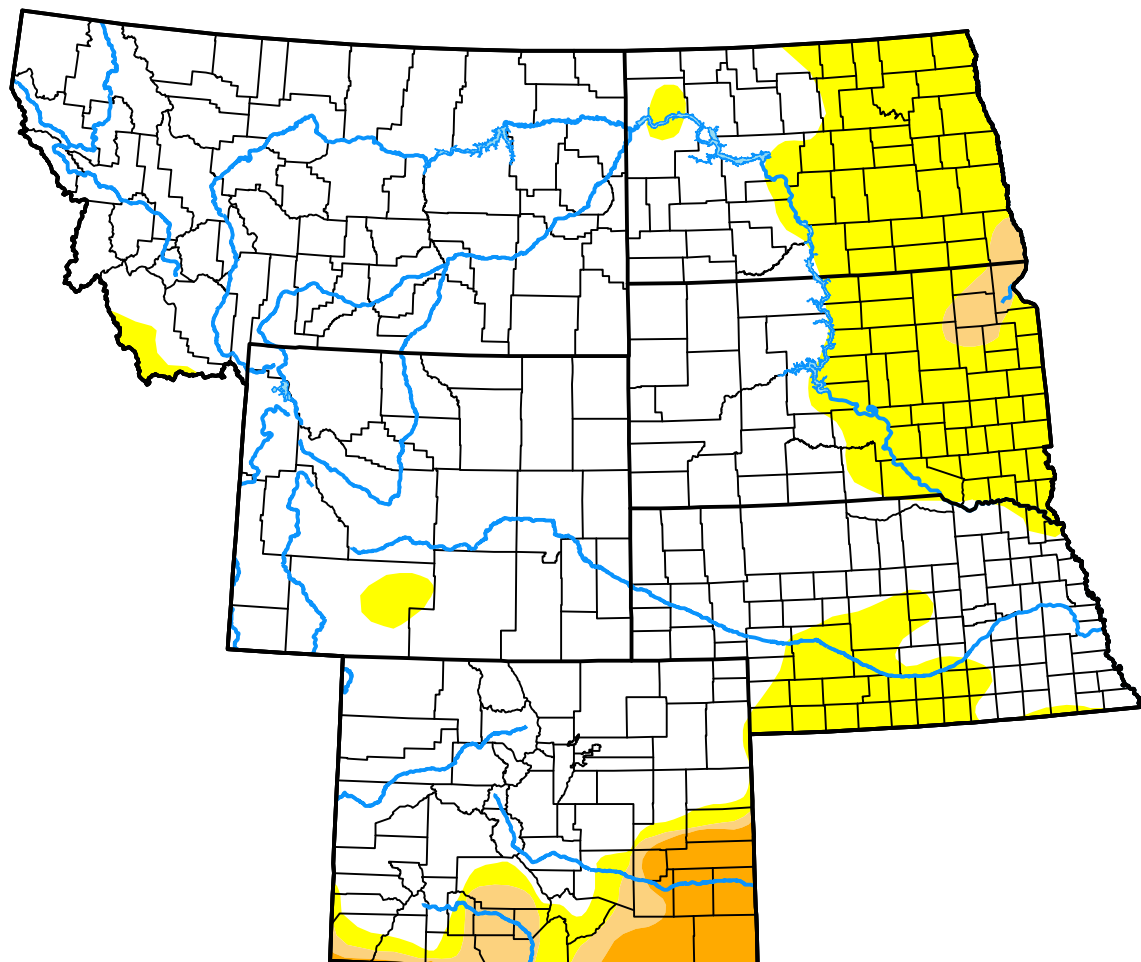


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 2, 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>                                     | 76.73 | 23.27 | 4.64  | 2.22  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-25-2014</i>              | 78.28 | 21.72 | 4.38  | 2.22  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-02-2014</i>           | 86.30 | 13.70 | 5.19  | 2.83  | 0.49  | 0.00 |
| <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>09-30-2014</i>    | 90.80 | 9.20  | 4.48  | 2.51  | 0.42  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-03-2013</i>           | 59.69 | 40.31 | 11.91 | 6.13  | 1.37  | 0.27 |

**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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