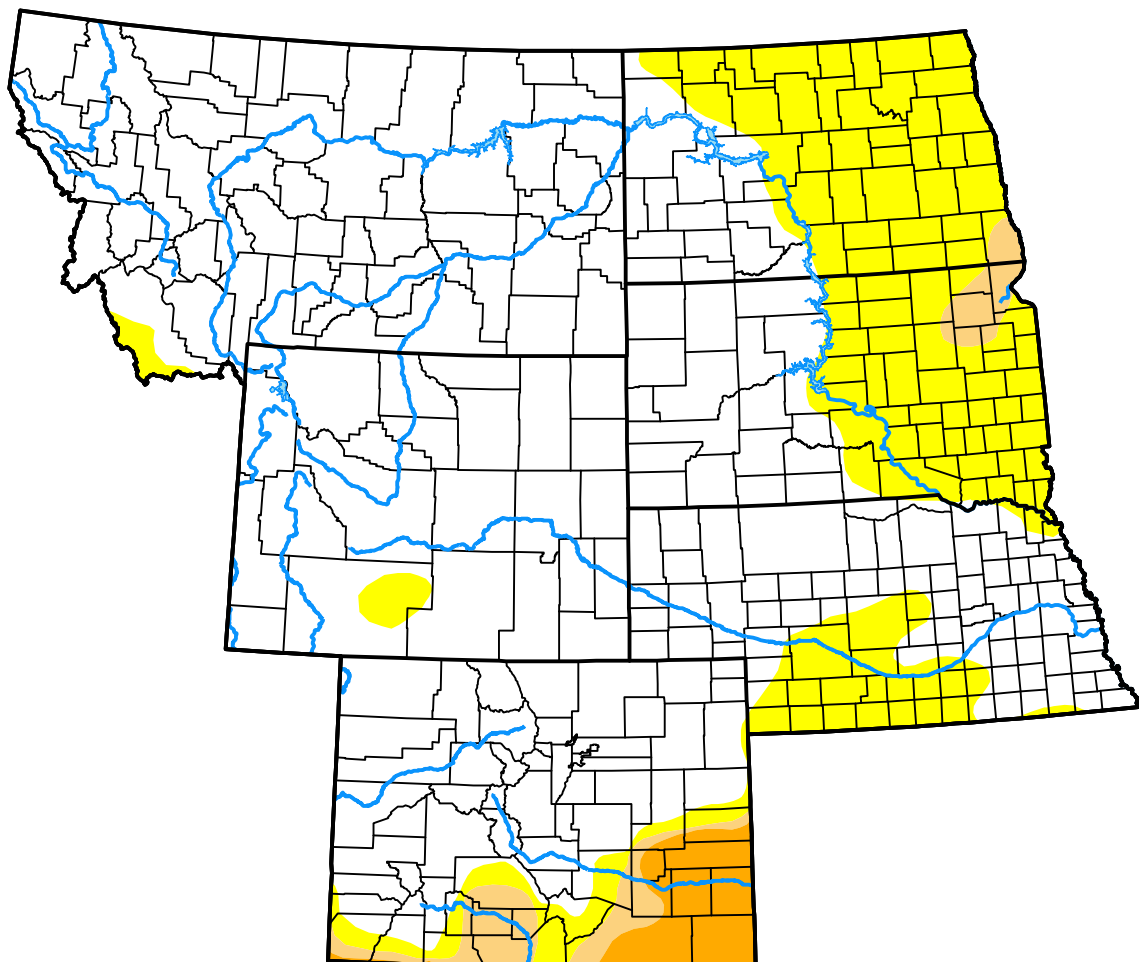


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	75.26	20.10	2.42	2.22	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-16-2014	76.74	18.62	2.42	2.22	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-23-2014	90.42	4.79	2.22	2.14	0.42	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2013	61.90	25.93	6.14	4.67	1.10	0.27
Start of Water Year 09-30-2014	90.80	4.72	1.97	2.09	0.42	0.00
One Year Ago 12-24-2013	61.90	25.93	6.14	4.55	1.22	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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