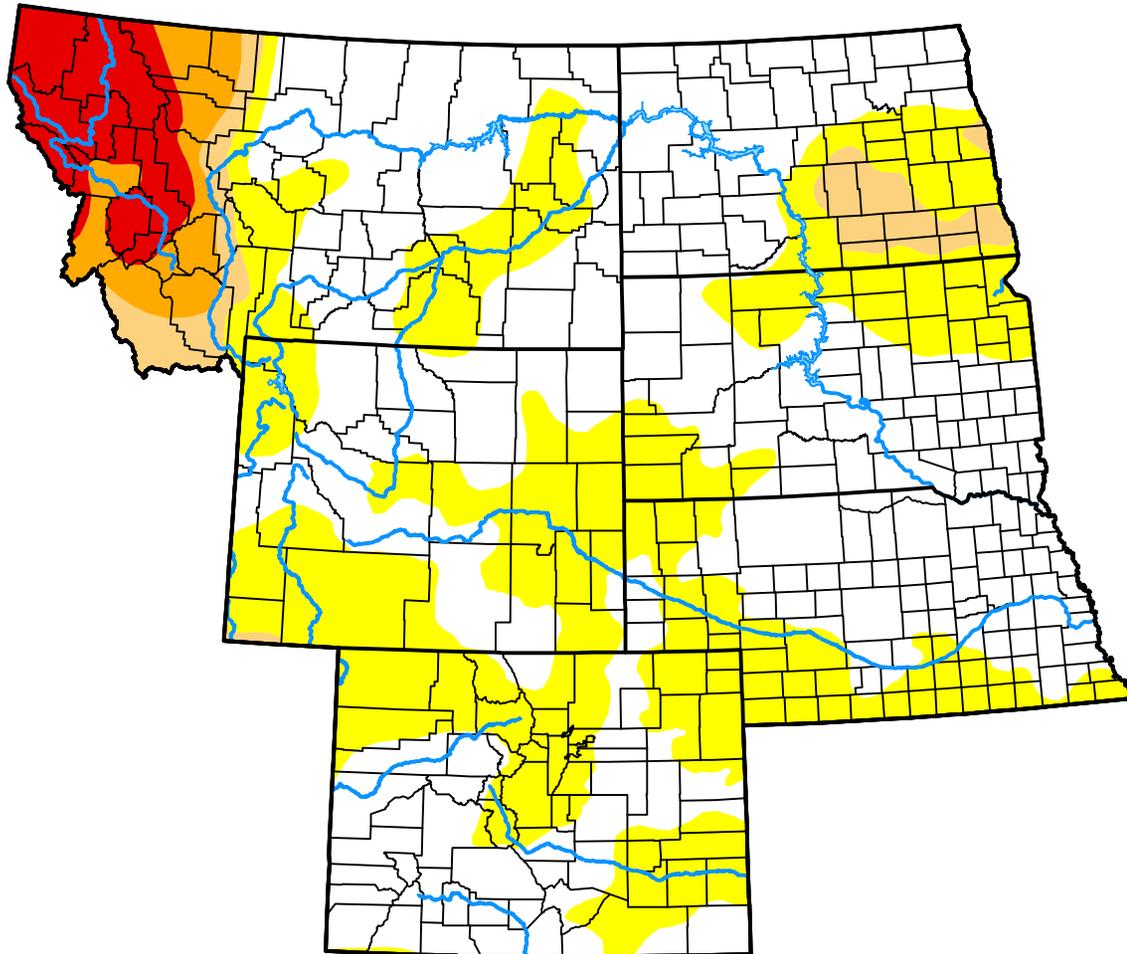


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	54.59	45.41	10.70	7.15	4.33	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-13-2015</i>	63.74	36.26	9.10	7.20	4.33	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-21-2015</i>	74.57	25.43	10.93	6.64	3.48	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	75.26	24.74	4.64	2.22	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	63.29	36.71	9.86	7.37	4.33	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-21-2014</i>	89.89	10.11	4.09	2.22	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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