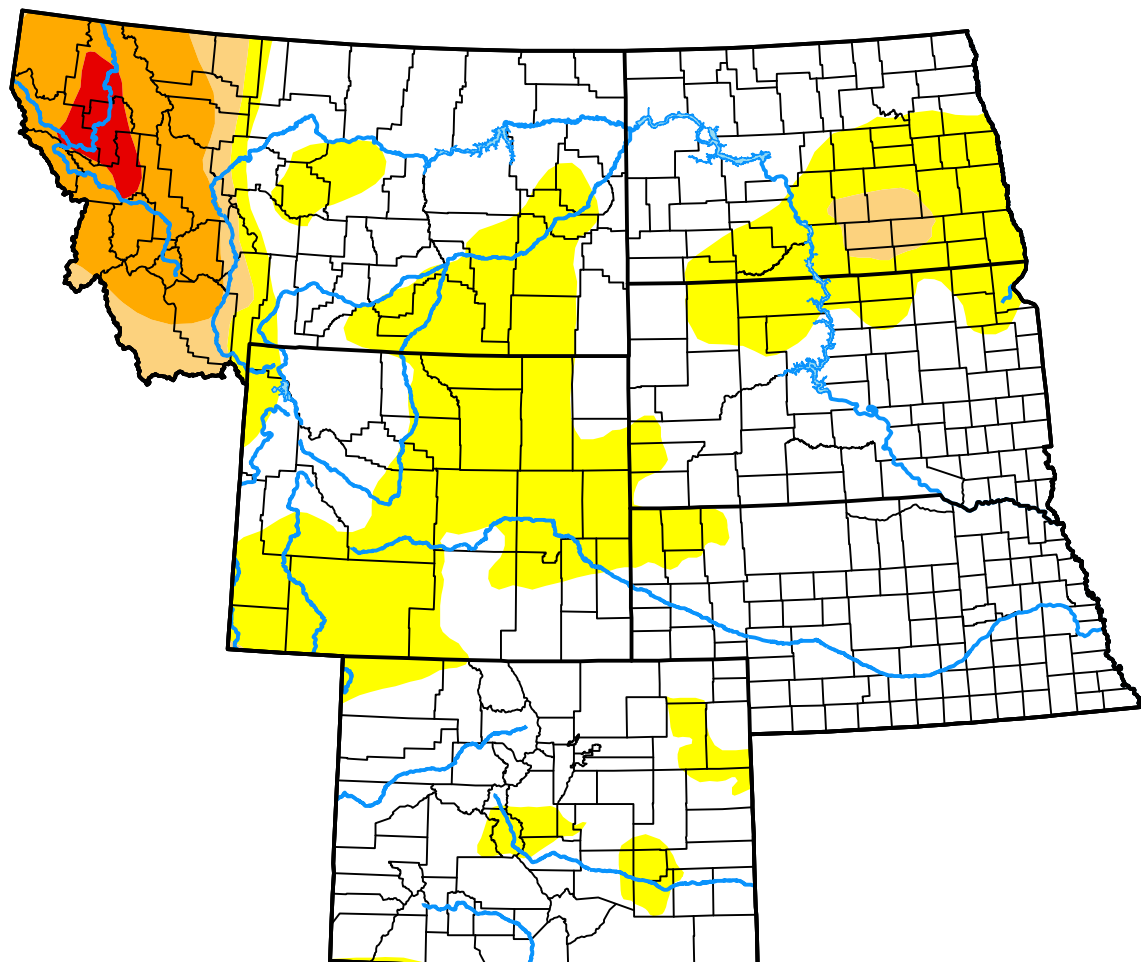


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	64.32	35.68	9.49	6.60	0.91	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2015</i>	63.29	36.71	9.83	6.68	1.44	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2015</i>	72.19	27.81	10.02	7.41	4.83	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2014</i>	75.26	24.74	4.64	2.22	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2015</i>	63.29	36.71	9.86	7.37	4.33	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2014</i>	76.74	23.26	4.64	2.22	0.00	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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