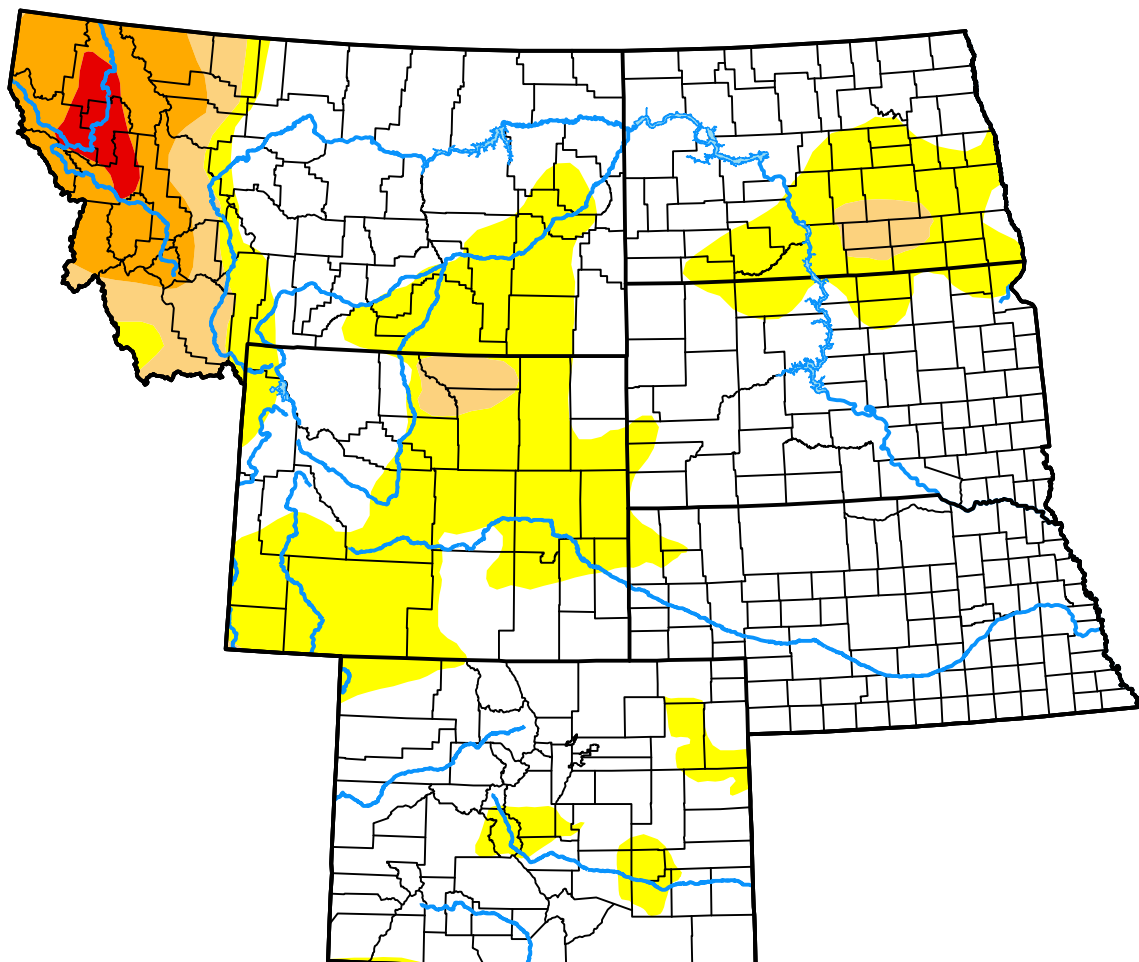


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	67.74	22.94	3.95	4.46	0.91	0.00
Last Week 12-15-2015	64.32	26.19	2.89	5.69	0.91	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-22-2015	66.34	23.80	2.46	2.58	4.83	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2014	75.26	20.10	2.42	2.22	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2015	63.29	26.84	2.49	3.04	4.33	0.00
One Year Ago 12-23-2014	75.26	20.10	2.42	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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