

# U.S. Drought Monitor

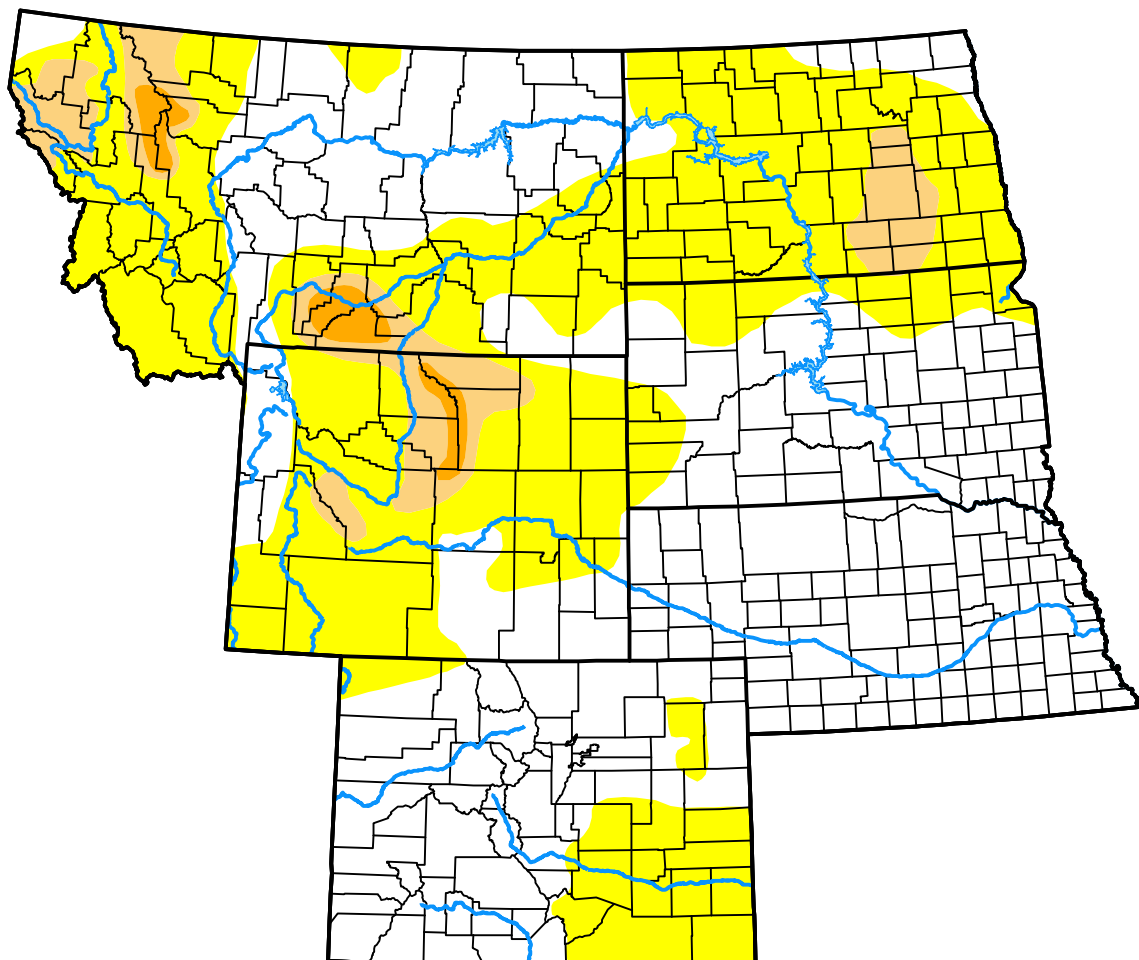
## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	53.57	46.43	6.97	1.28	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-08-2016</i>	57.23	42.77	6.15	1.28	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-15-2015</i>	64.32	35.68	9.49	6.60	0.91	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	68.34	31.66	9.32	5.37	0.91	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>03-17-2015</i>	56.10	43.90	14.68	2.22	0.00	0.00



***Intensity:***



*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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