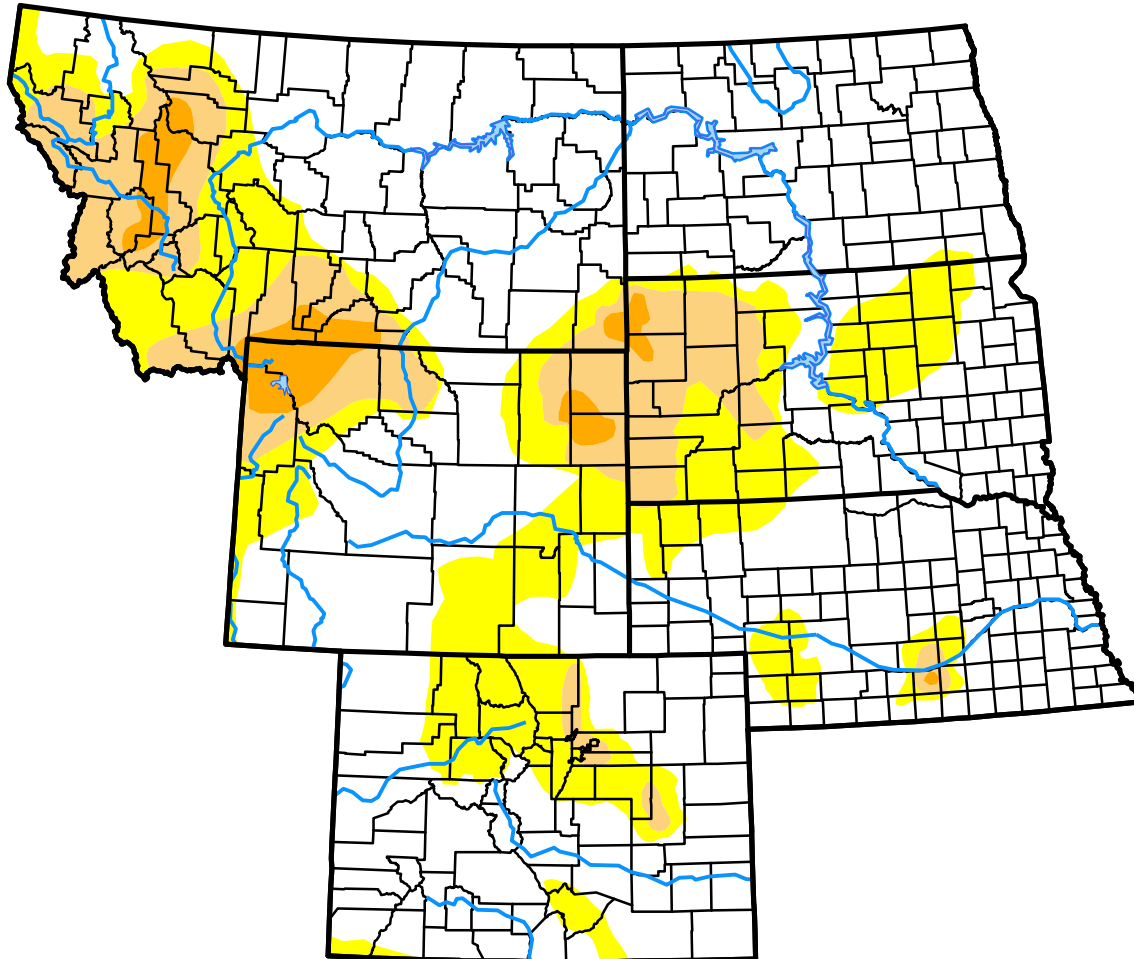


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	66.91	19.98	10.44	2.68	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	62.66	23.14	10.33	3.65	0.23	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-05-2016</i>	71.32	18.21	8.78	1.45	0.25	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	68.34	22.34	3.95	4.46	0.91	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	62.66	23.14	10.33	3.65	0.23	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-06-2015</i>	66.86	24.04	1.90	2.87	4.33	0.00

***Intensity:***

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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