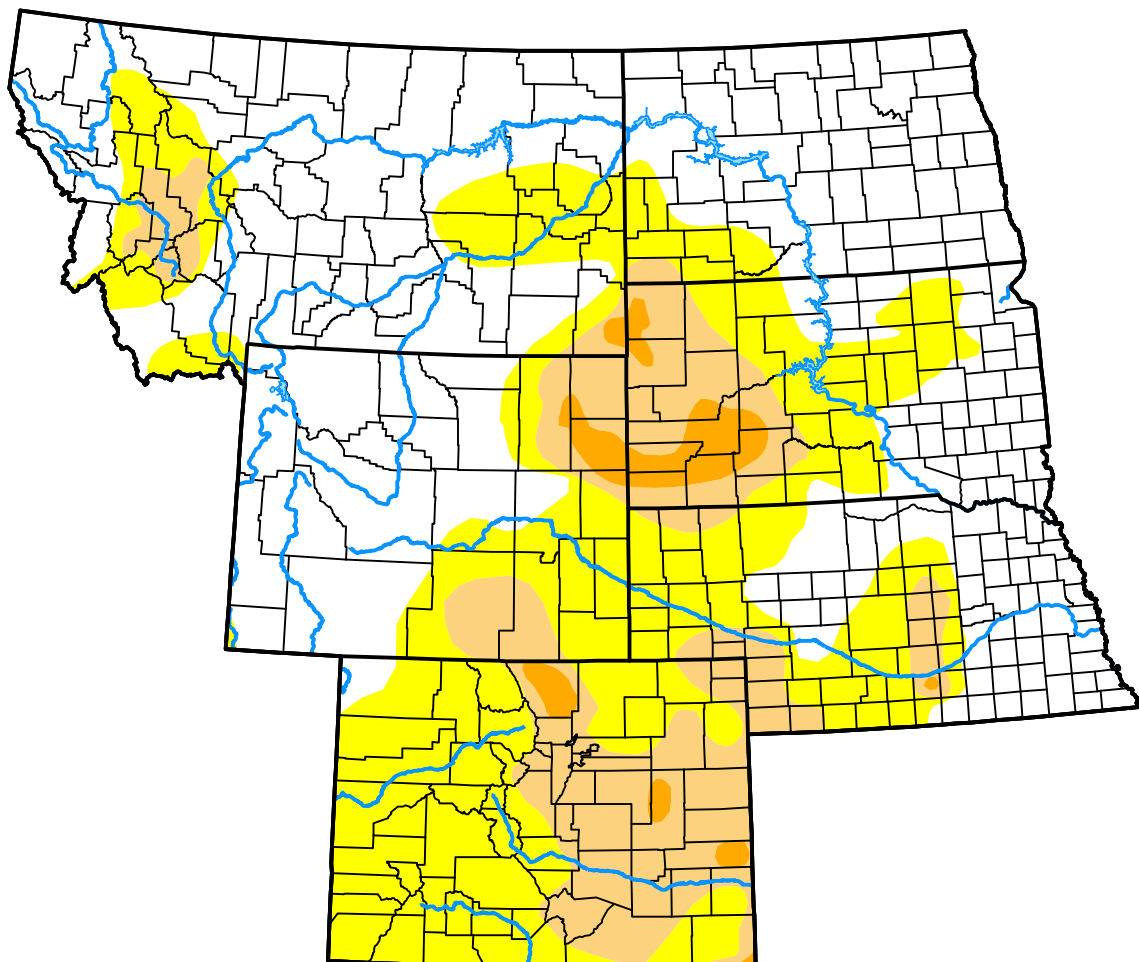


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



**December 20, 2016**  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	52.03	47.97	16.98	2.29	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 12-13-2016	50.97	49.03	16.98	2.29	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 09-20-2016	58.56	41.44	16.63	4.30	0.23	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2015	68.34	31.66	9.32	5.37	0.91	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-27-2016	62.66	37.34	14.21	3.88	0.23	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 12-22-2015	67.74	32.26	9.32	5.37	0.91	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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