

# 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>                                     | 93.20 | 6.80  | 0.67  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-25-2017</i>              | 80.66 | 19.34 | 3.41  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-31-2017</i>           | 72.17 | 27.83 | 13.47 | 0.14  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 61.47 | 38.53 | 15.95 | 1.47  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 62.66 | 37.34 | 14.21 | 3.88  | 0.23  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-03-2016</i>           | 84.02 | 15.98 | 3.18  | 0.29  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

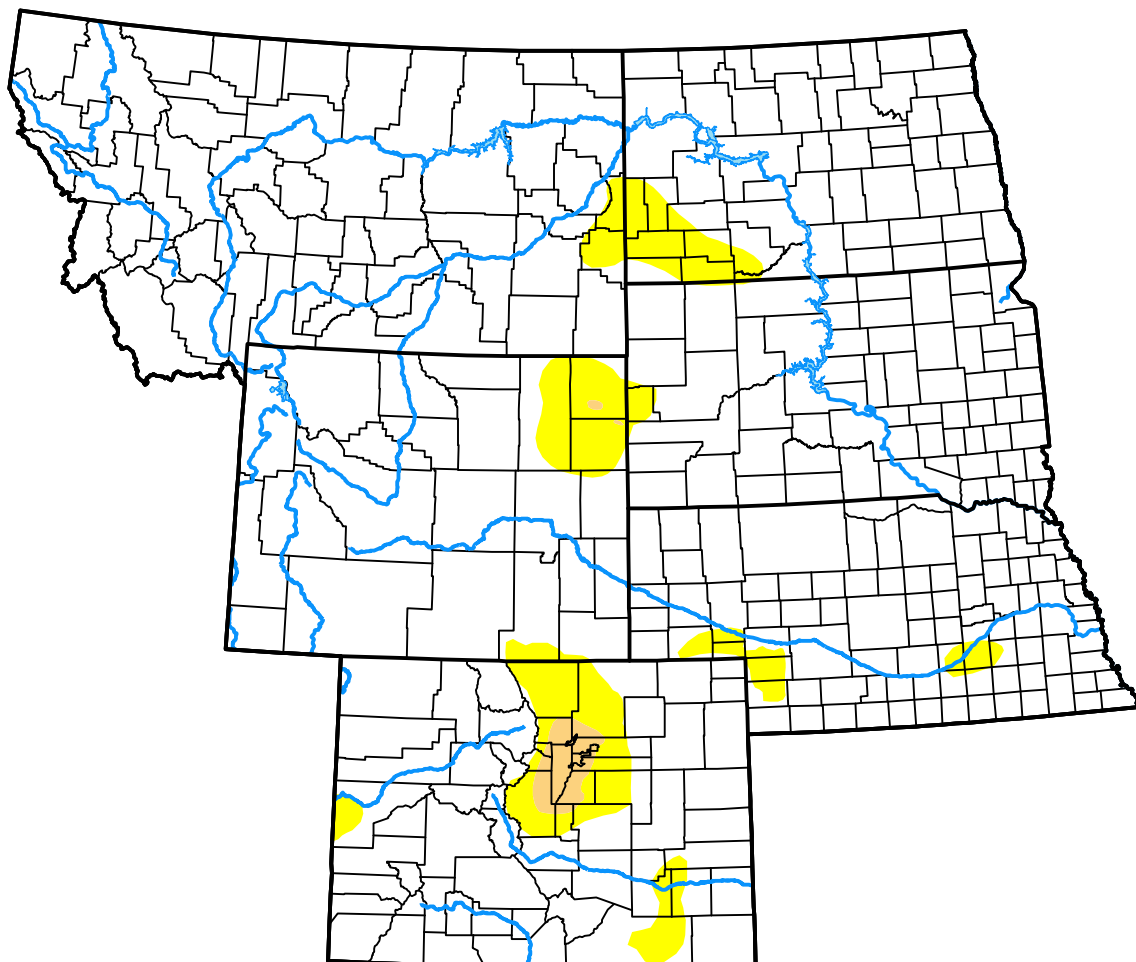
### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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