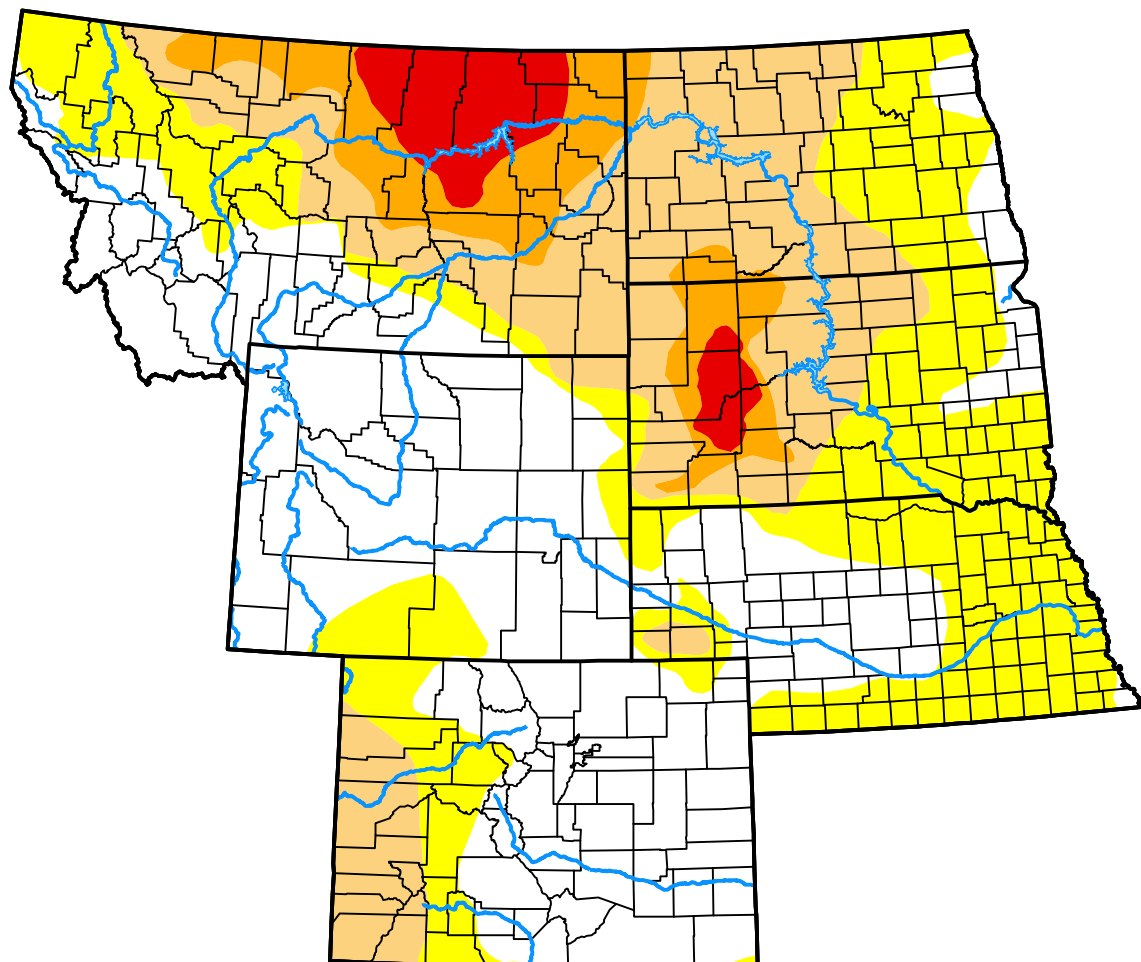


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	41.03	58.97	31.60	10.79	3.94	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>11-28-2017</i>	51.99	48.01	29.22	10.79	3.94	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-05-2017</i>	33.82	66.18	42.87	29.61	14.56	6.70
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2017</i>	61.47	38.53	15.95	1.47	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	42.89	57.11	39.34	25.07	12.12	4.54
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-06-2016</i>	48.54	51.46	16.96	2.27	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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