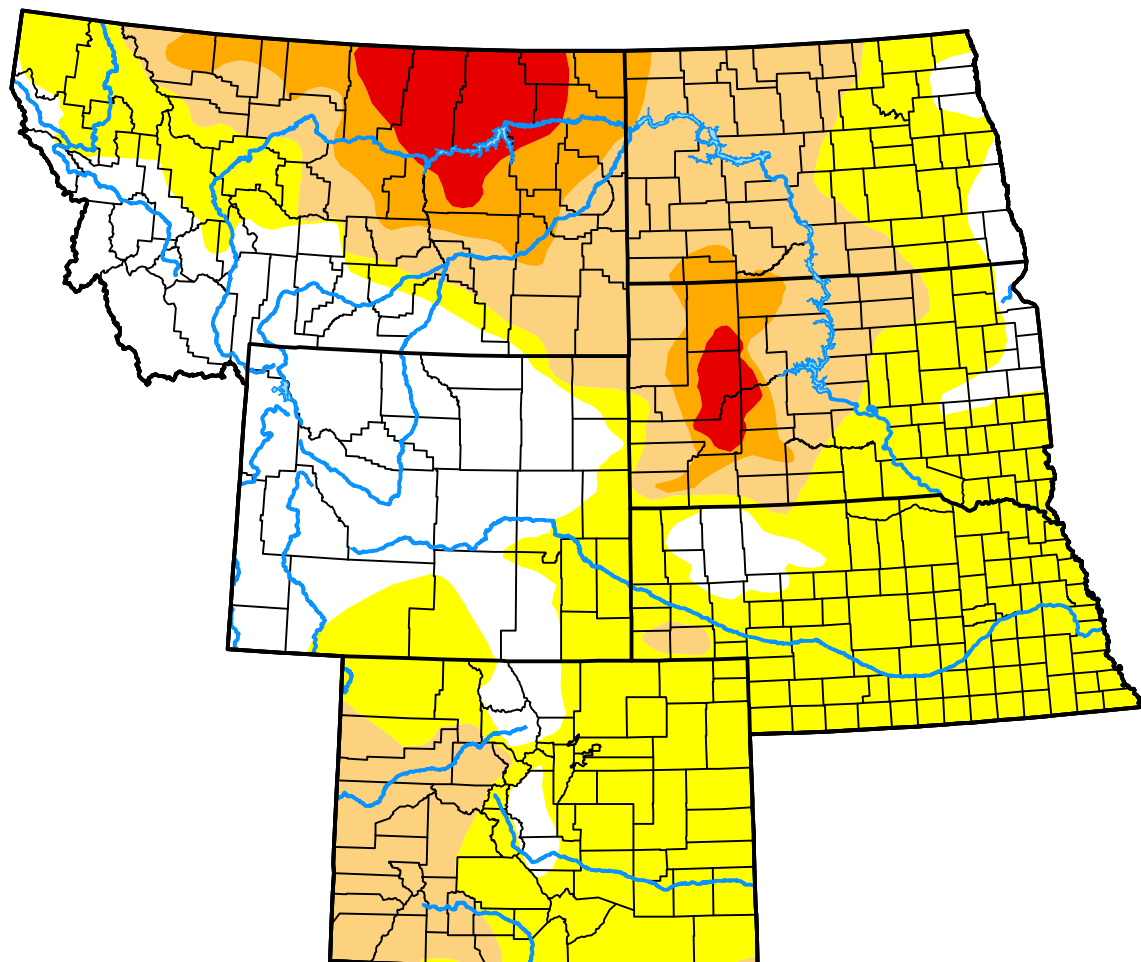


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.49	75.51	33.63	10.79	3.94	0.00
Last Week 12-12-2017	27.97	72.03	31.62	10.79	3.94	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-19-2017	33.88	66.12	44.57	27.33	12.13	4.54
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	61.47	38.53	15.95	1.47	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2017	42.89	57.11	39.34	25.07	12.12	4.54
One Year Ago 12-20-2016	52.03	47.97	16.98	2.29	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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