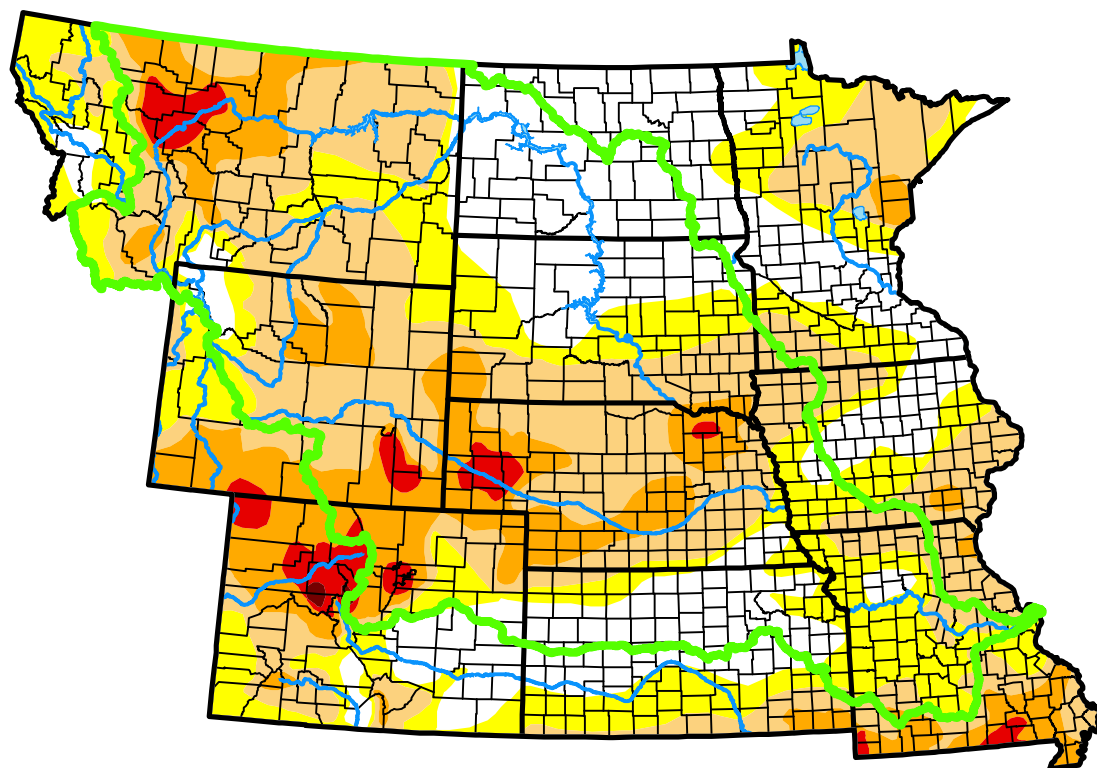


U.S. Drought Monitor

Missouri River Basin DEWS and Surrounding Areas



March 3, 2026

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	26.70	19.16	35.76	15.61	2.75	0.02
Last Week 02-24-2026	30.11	22.12	33.47	11.89	2.39	0.02
3 Months Ago 12-02-2025	53.07	25.90	14.35	5.66	1.01	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	46.65	32.17	15.86	4.80	0.52	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	57.62	26.80	9.53	5.34	0.71	0.00
One Year Ago 03-04-2025	23.10	16.31	33.44	21.07	6.08	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

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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