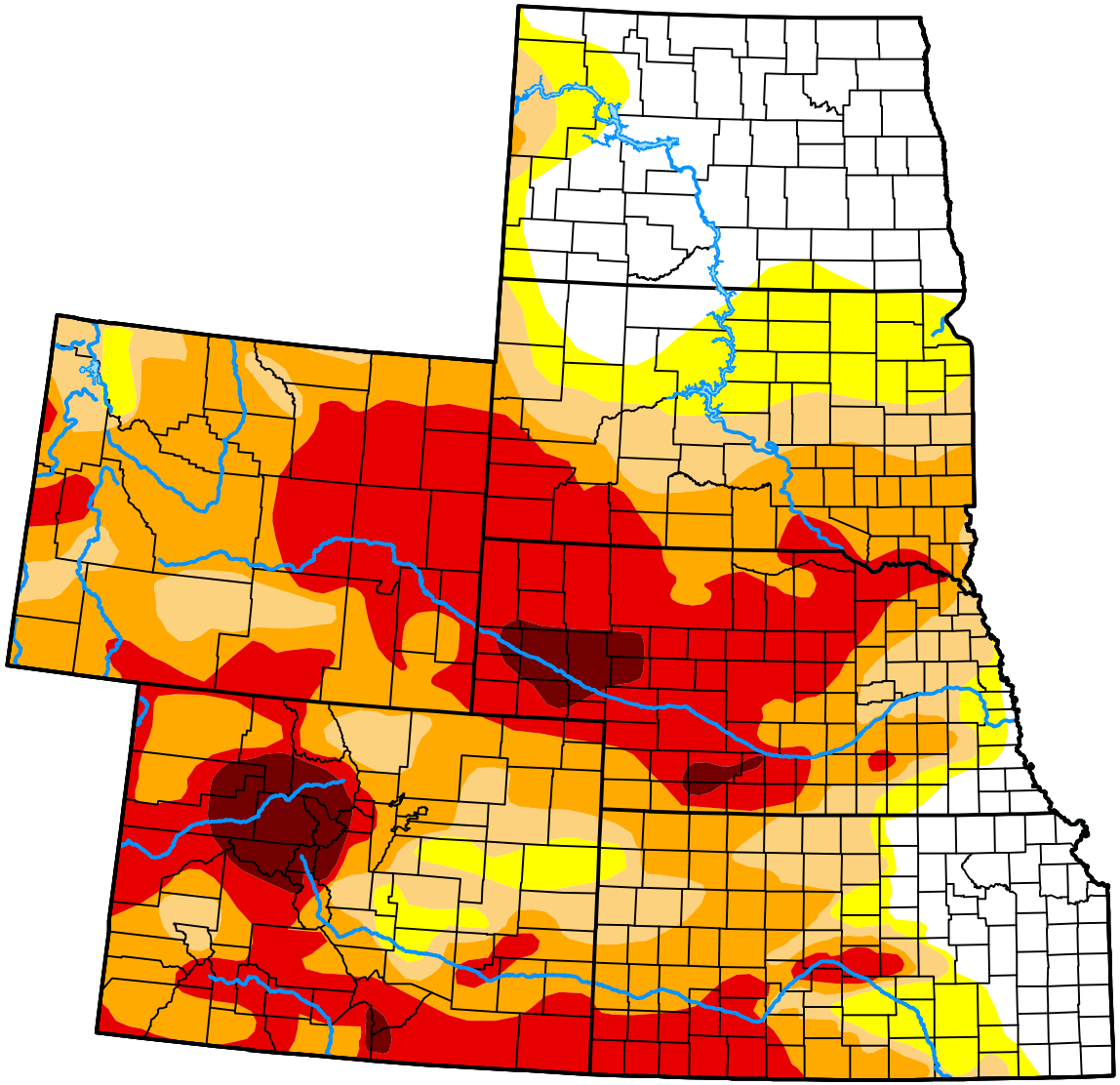
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.79	81.21	70.78	56.43	27.60	3.20
Last Week *05-19-2026*	19.23	80.77	70.62	56.10	28.12	3.20
3 Months Ago *02-24-2026*	37.88	62.12	44.64	17.08	3.22	0.17
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	46.41	53.59	25.13	8.10	0.89	0.14
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	62.92	37.08	19.86	12.97	5.97	0.00
One Year Ago *05-27-2025*	24.76	75.24	43.24	17.75	3.70	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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