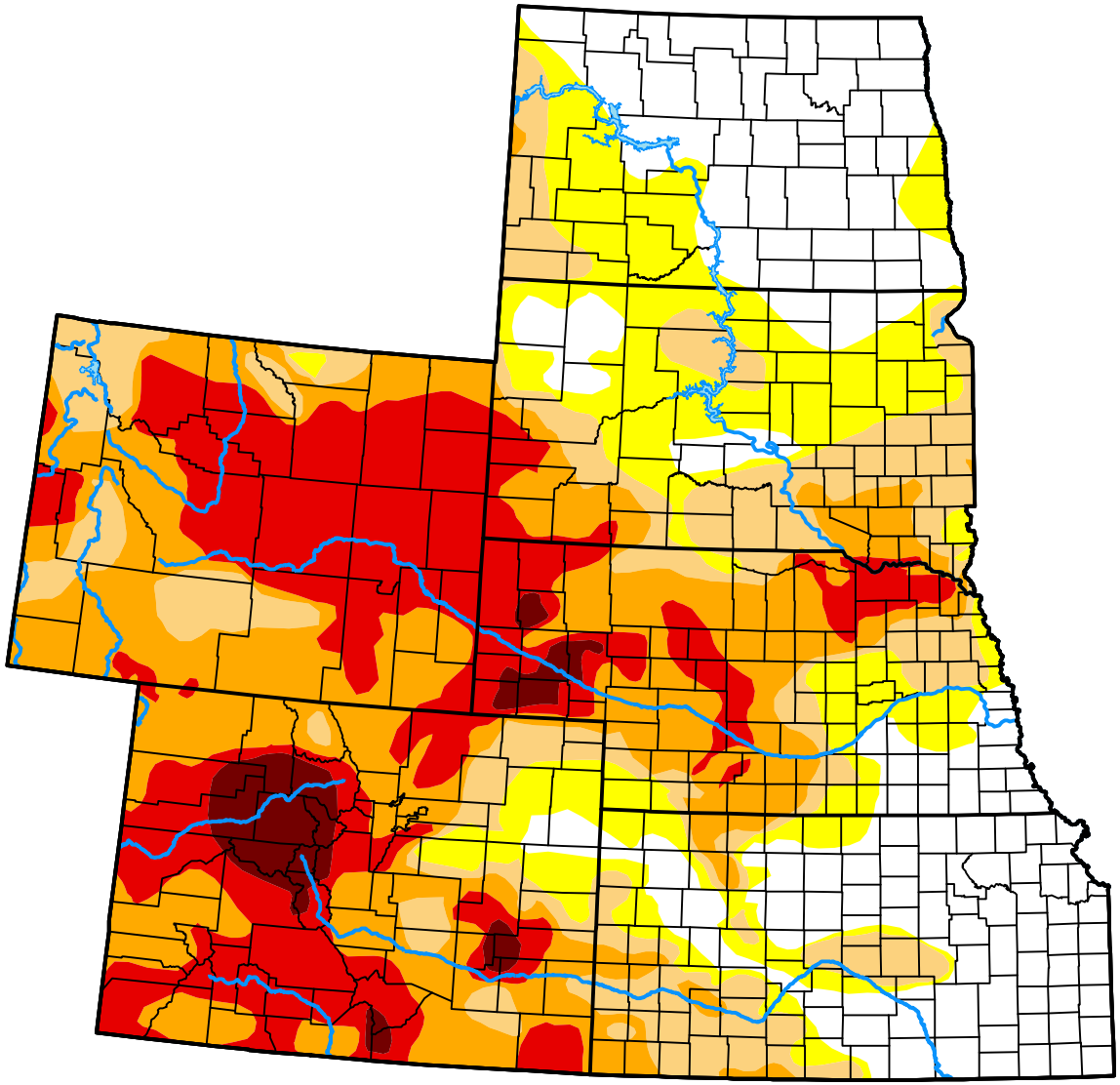
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	23.21	76.79	61.82	45.87	22.22	2.60
Last Week *06-30-2026*	22.60	77.40	61.61	46.10	20.55	2.56
3 Months Ago *04-07-2026*	20.48	79.52	69.00	46.30	22.24	4.72
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 *07-08-2025*	42.62	57.38	32.21	8.11	1.38	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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