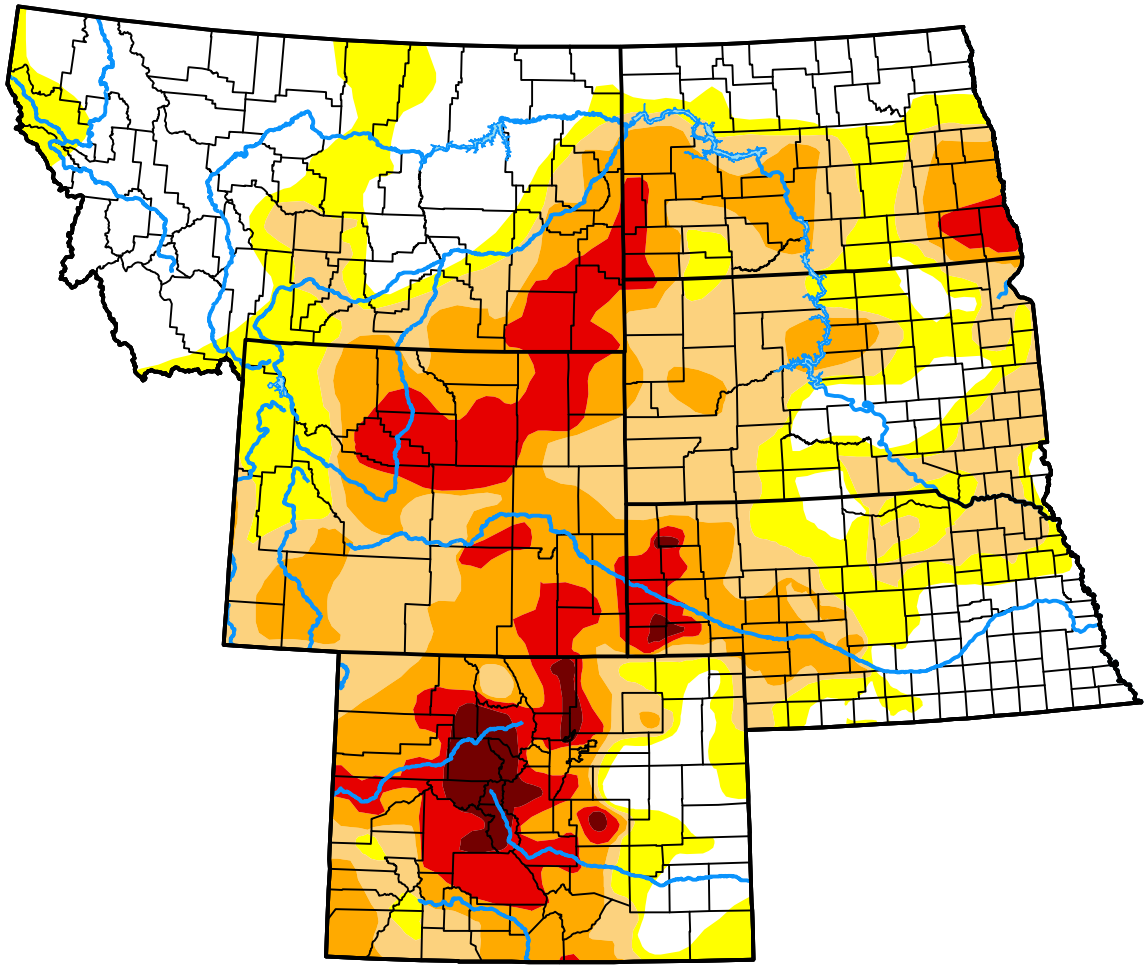
U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.30	18.04	22.54	19.89	9.56	1.66
Last Week *10-06-2026*	24.43	20.12	23.49	19.23	11.07	1.66
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	14.90	20.30	20.12	24.77	17.30	2.60
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	43.84	30.75	16.15	8.10	1.04	0.12
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	51.04	21.64	7.67	12.17	7.49	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	49.64	22.68	12.19	10.37	5.12	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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