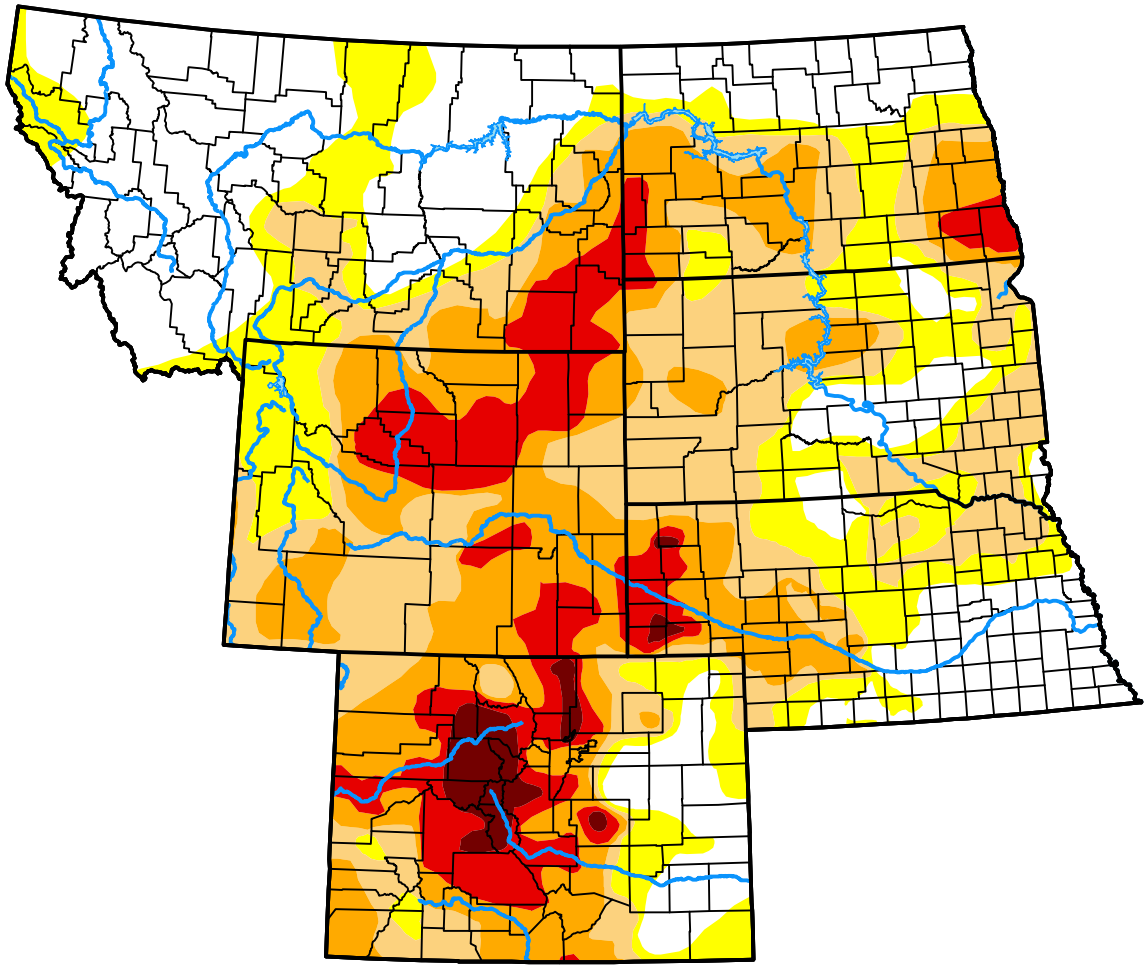
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.30	71.70	53.65	31.11	11.22	1.66
Last Week *10-06-2026*	24.43	75.57	55.45	31.96	12.73	1.66
3 Months Ago *07-14-2026*	14.90	85.10	64.80	44.68	19.91	2.60
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	43.84	56.16	25.41	9.26	1.16	0.12
Start of Water Year *09-30-2025*	51.04	48.96	27.32	19.65	7.49	0.00
One Year Ago *10-14-2025*	49.64	50.36	27.68	15.49	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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