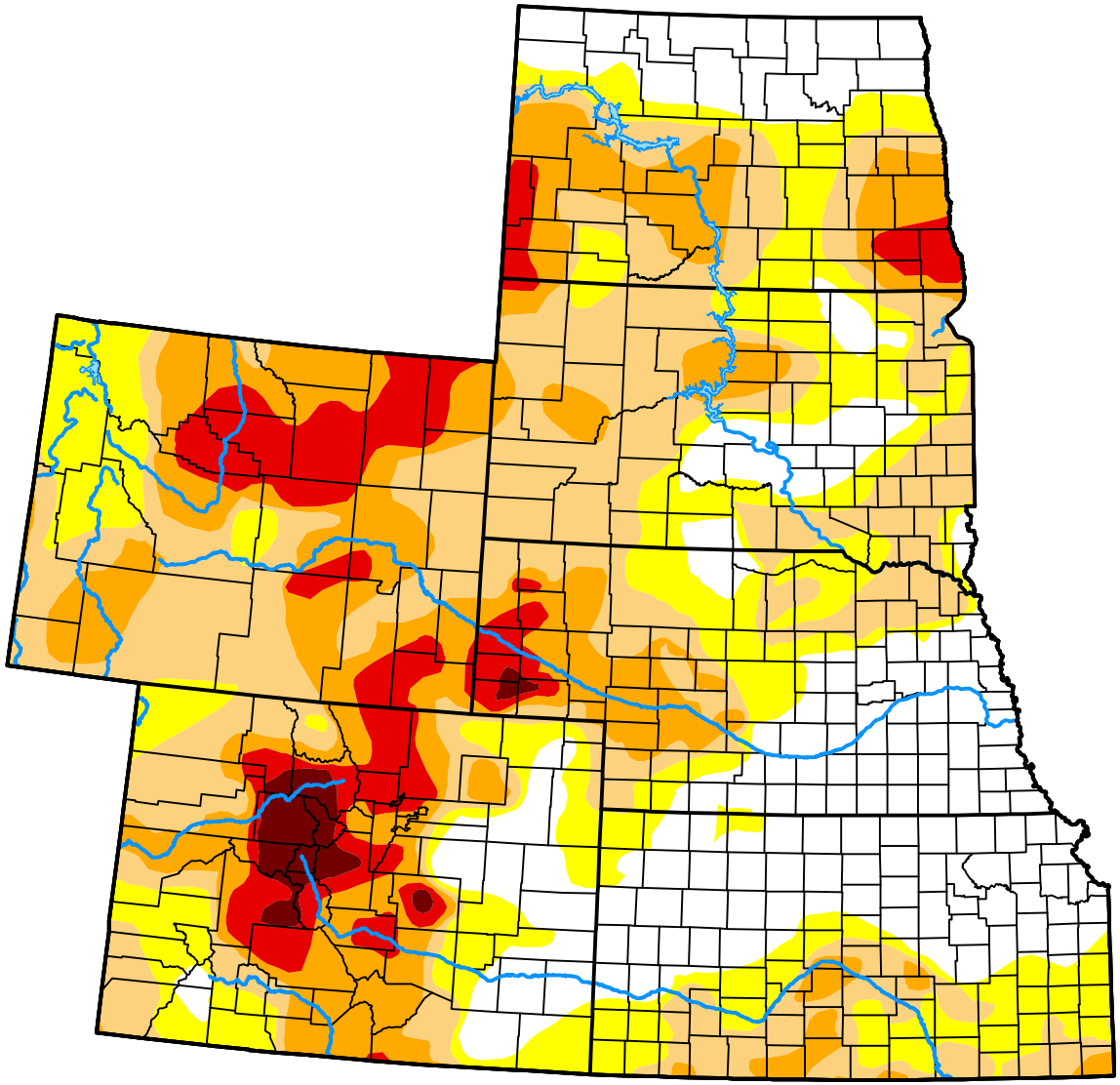
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains Climate Region



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	23.82	20.40	27.75	18.97	7.73	1.32
Last Week *10-13-2026*	22.78	17.68	26.07	22.25	9.35	1.87
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	19.53	16.82	17.39	22.84	20.49	2.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	46.41	28.45	17.03	7.21	0.75	0.14
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	17.27	16.15	29.84	23.40	11.15	2.19
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	63.72	18.71	10.02	5.80	1.74	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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