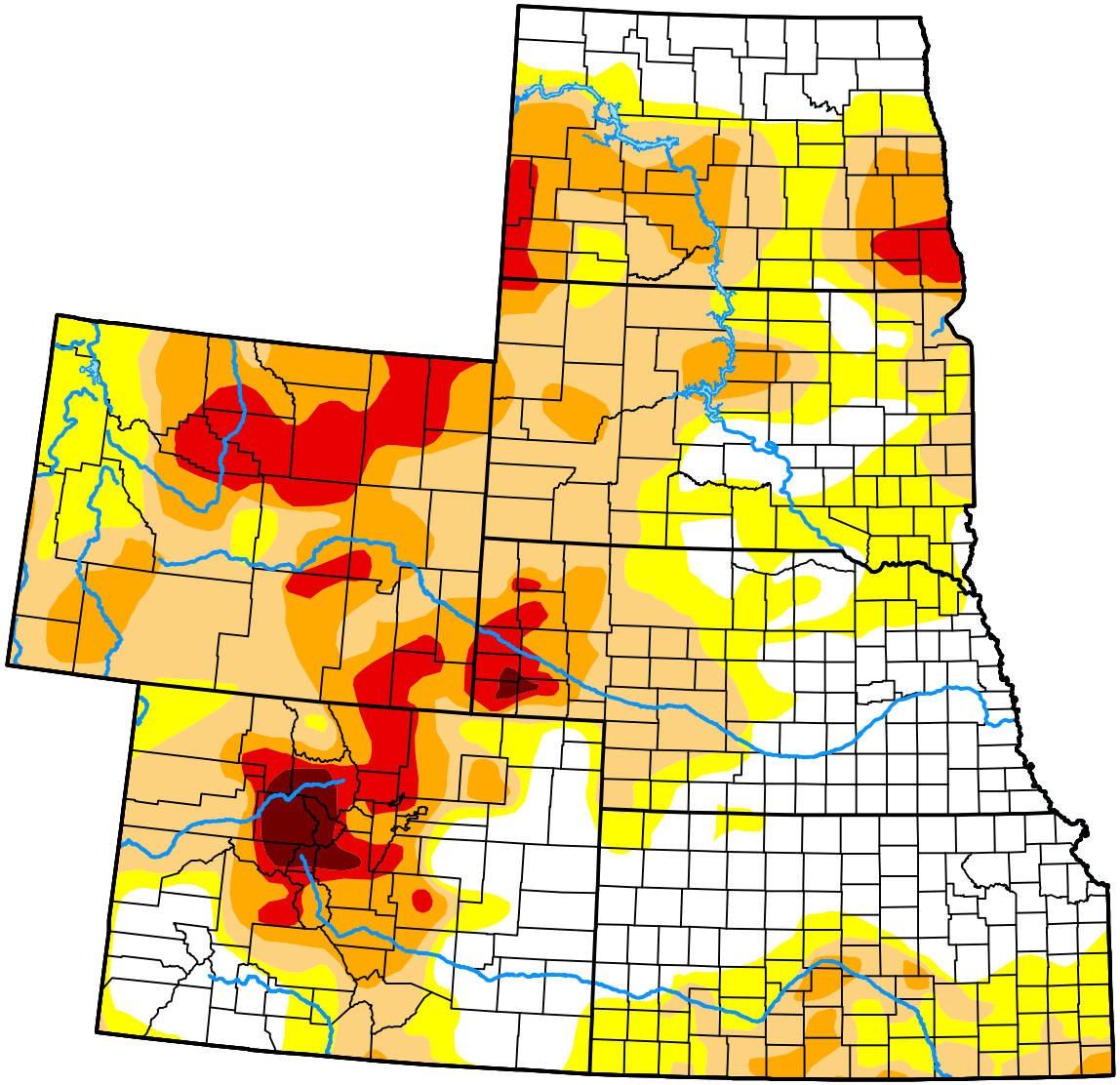
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains Climate Region



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.73	71.27	50.47	24.12	7.87	0.97
Last Week *10-20-2026*	23.82	76.18	55.78	28.03	9.05	1.32
3 Months Ago *07-28-2026*	14.15	85.85	69.93	49.30	23.99	3.28
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	46.41	53.59	25.13	8.10	0.89	0.14
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	17.27	82.73	66.58	36.74	13.34	2.19
One Year Ago *10-28-2025*	62.77	37.23	17.43	7.58	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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