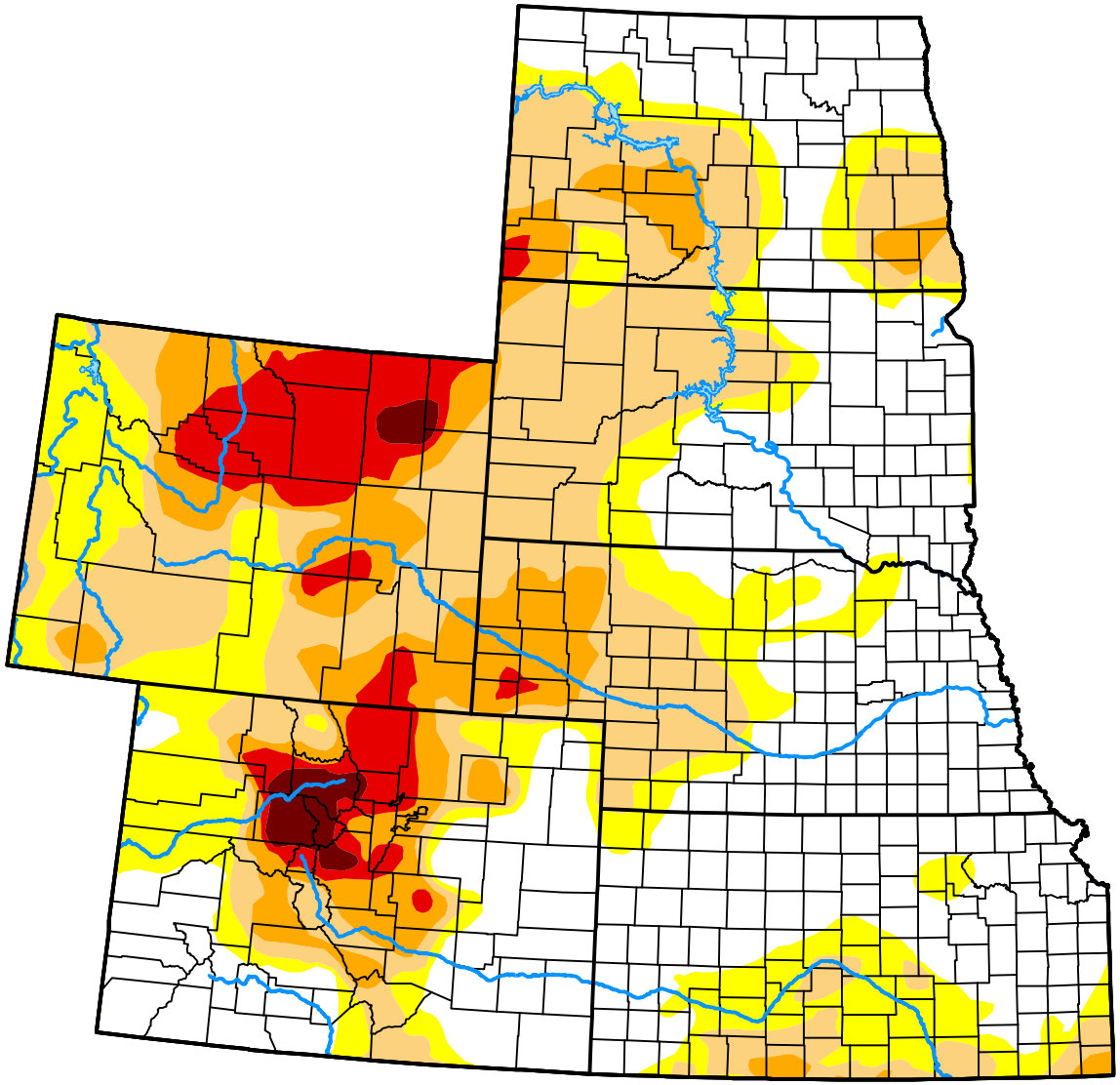
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains



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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.87	60.13	41.72	17.64	6.85	1.07
Last Week *11-10-2026*	40.05	59.95	41.37	17.94	5.79	0.80
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	9.84	90.16	77.27	49.71	21.32	3.05
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 *11-18-2025*	55.63	44.37	19.94	7.32	1.32	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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