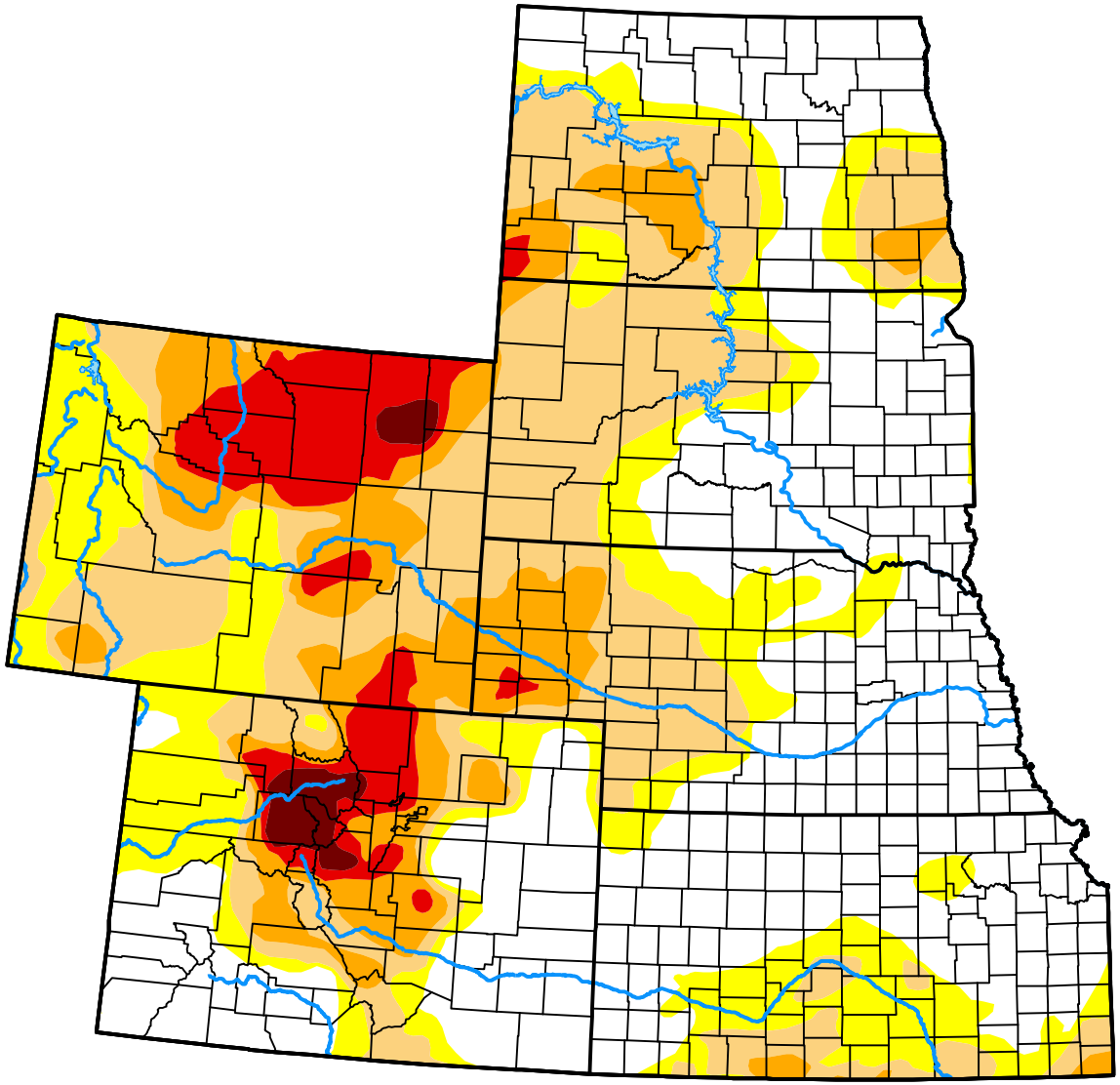
U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains Climate Region



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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	39.87	18.41	24.08	10.79	5.78	1.07
Last Week *11-10-2026*	40.05	18.58	23.43	12.16	4.98	0.80
3 Months Ago *08-18-2026*	9.84	12.90	27.56	28.38	18.28	3.05
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 *11-18-2025*	55.63	24.43	12.62	6.00	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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