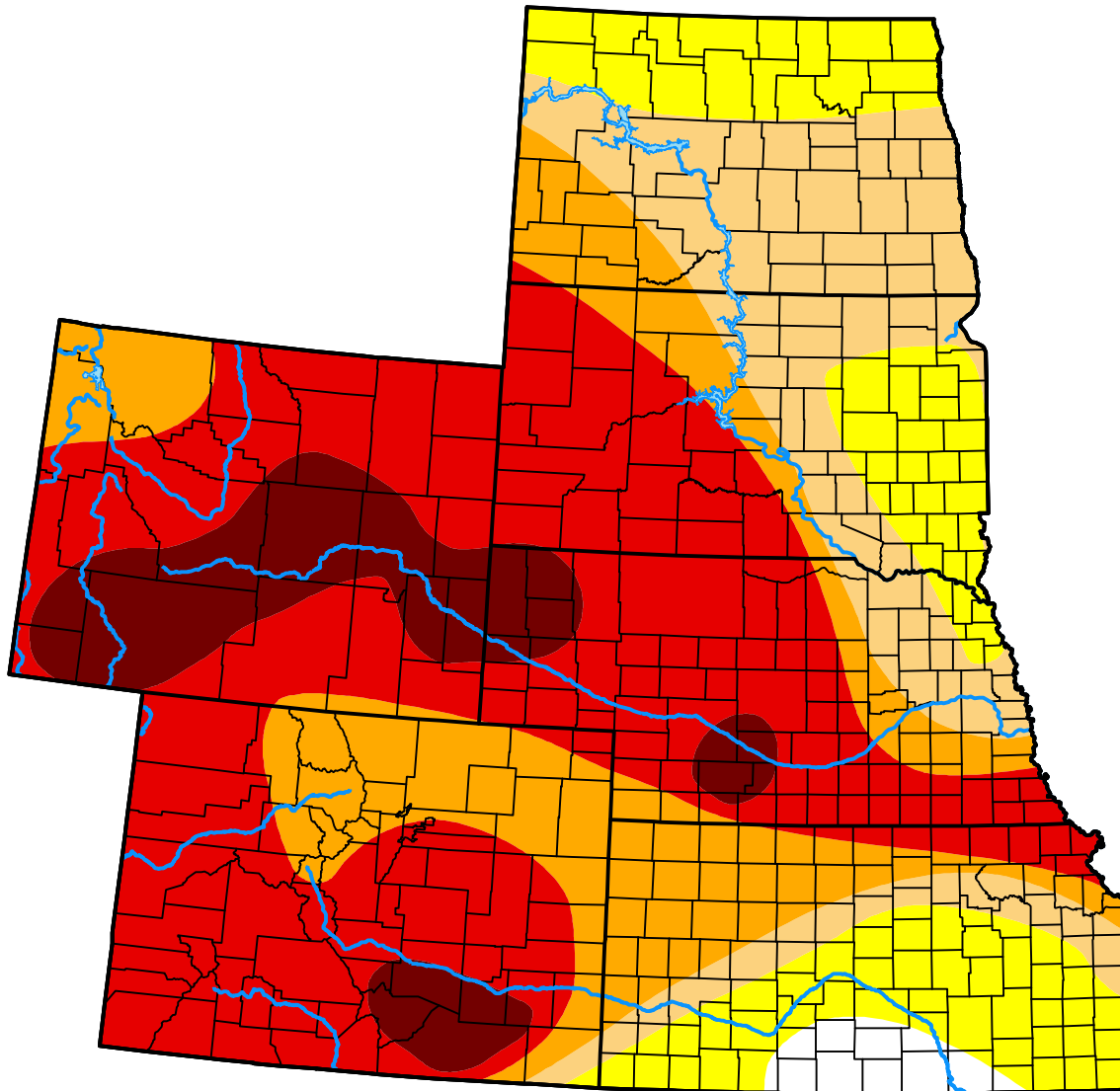


U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains Climate Region

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.65	98.35	83.68	68.07	49.88	9.93
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	1.69	98.31	81.55	68.16	49.69	9.90
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	11.89	88.11	76.47	65.76	45.34	4.75
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	11.41	88.59	76.64	66.65	45.68	4.79
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	16.41	83.59	73.36	65.12	49.12	11.49
One Year Ago <i>03-19-2002</i>	9.96	90.04	47.34	26.17	5.54	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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