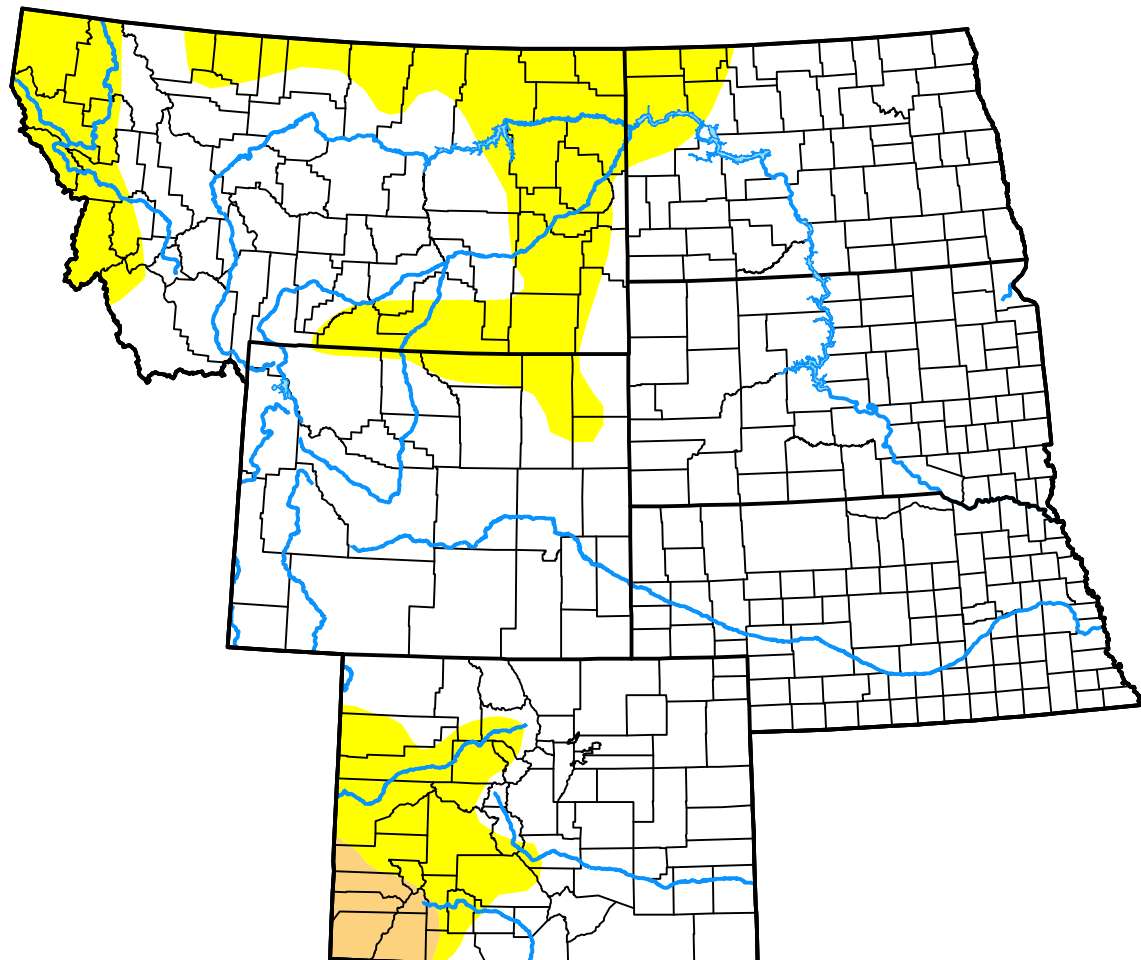


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub

**December 22, 2009**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009)

Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	80.40	19.60	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	80.40	19.60	1.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	88.58	11.42	1.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.97	44.03	7.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	76.34	23.66	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	53.48	46.52	9.41	0.00	0.00	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>*

***Author:***

Richard Heim  
 NCEI/NOAA



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**