

Drought Cuts Across the Region

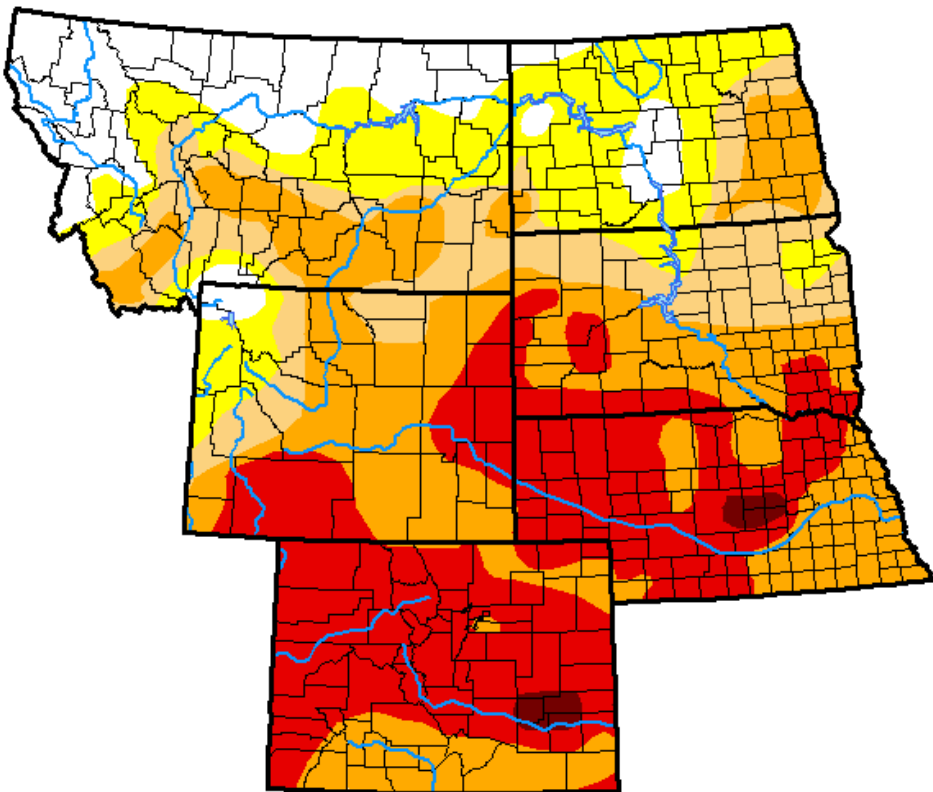
Previous year: Most areas of the region received near-average precipitation for the year. A majority of the moisture came early in the year (fall was dry), but few people were complaining.

Winter: Snowfall for most of the region is typical, but the mountain ranges feeding the rivers receive 30% of the normal addition to snowpack. Chances for La Nina are growing.

Spring: Rains tend to traverse across the northern third of the region.

Summer: Scant rainfall occurs across the region from mid-May through mid-July, leaving much of the region bone-dry.

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Intensity:

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|  D0 Abnormally Dry |  D3 Extreme Drought |
|  D1 Moderate Drought |  D4 Exceptional Drought |
|  D2 Severe Drought | |



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