

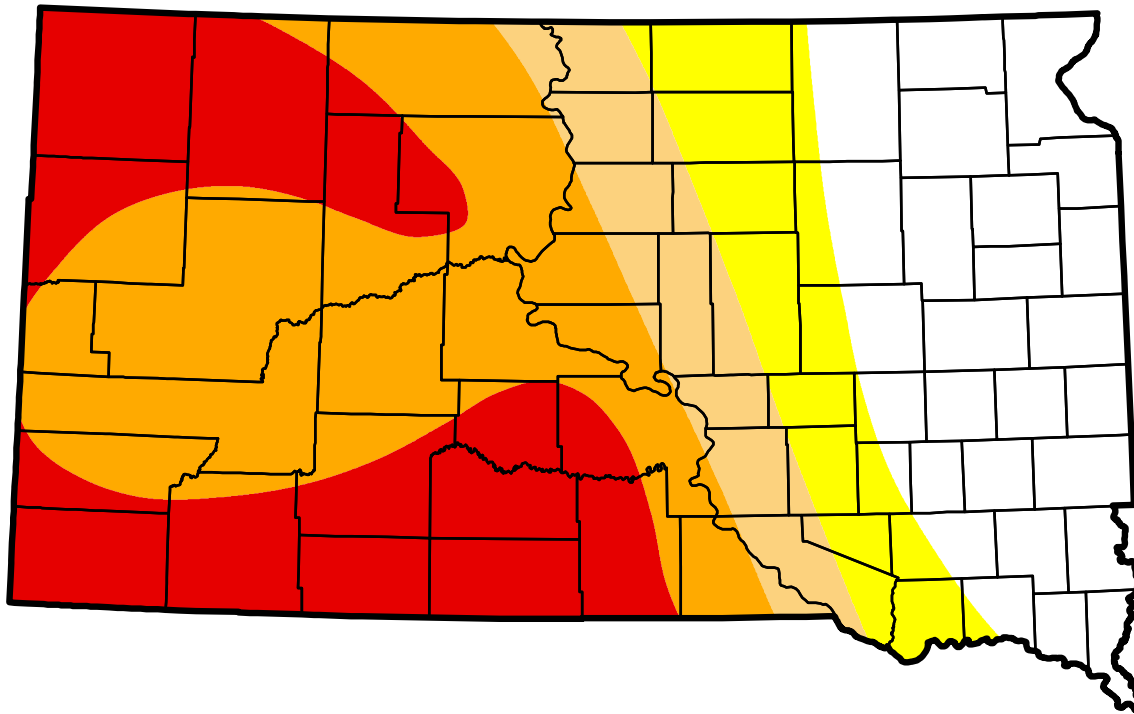
U.S. Drought Monitor

South Dakota

December 10, 2002
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.17	75.83	64.72	55.60	26.42	0.00
Last Week <i>12/3/2002</i>	33.38	66.62	56.23	46.27	20.27	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>9/10/2002</i>	31.57	68.43	58.90	40.97	30.13	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/1/2002</i>	53.20	46.80	4.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10/1/2002</i>	36.01	63.99	52.56	35.14	18.37	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12/11/2001</i>	53.22	46.78	4.33	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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