

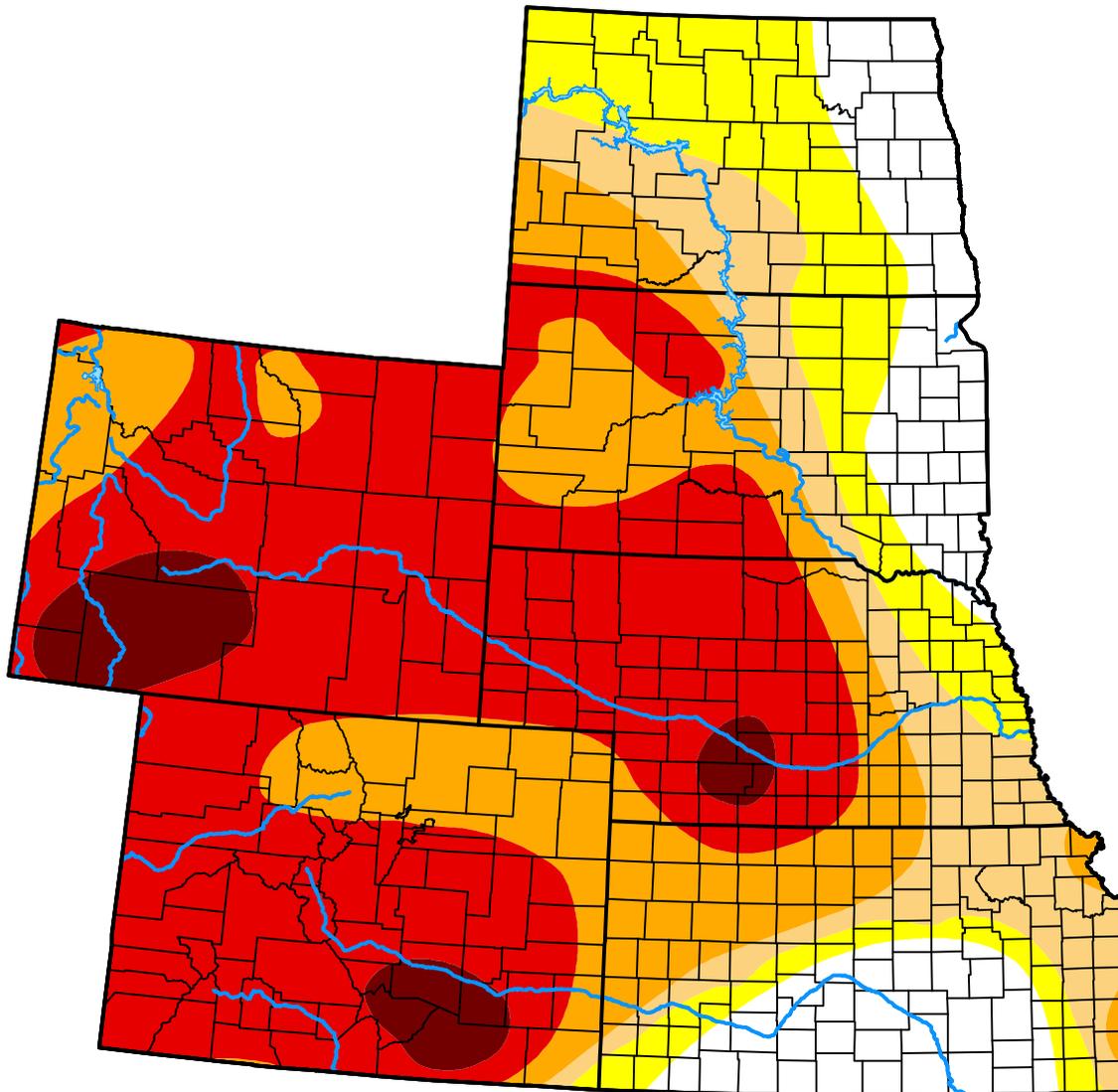
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**December 17, 2002**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	11.89	11.63	10.72	20.42	40.59	4.75
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-10-2002</i>	12.95	12.02	9.29	21.24	39.83	4.68
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-17-2002</i>	20.82	6.53	10.97	12.63	36.28	12.76
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	36.40	35.13	17.74	5.26	5.46	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	16.41	10.23	8.24	16.00	37.64	11.49
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2001</i>	38.42	36.07	14.72	4.64	6.14	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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