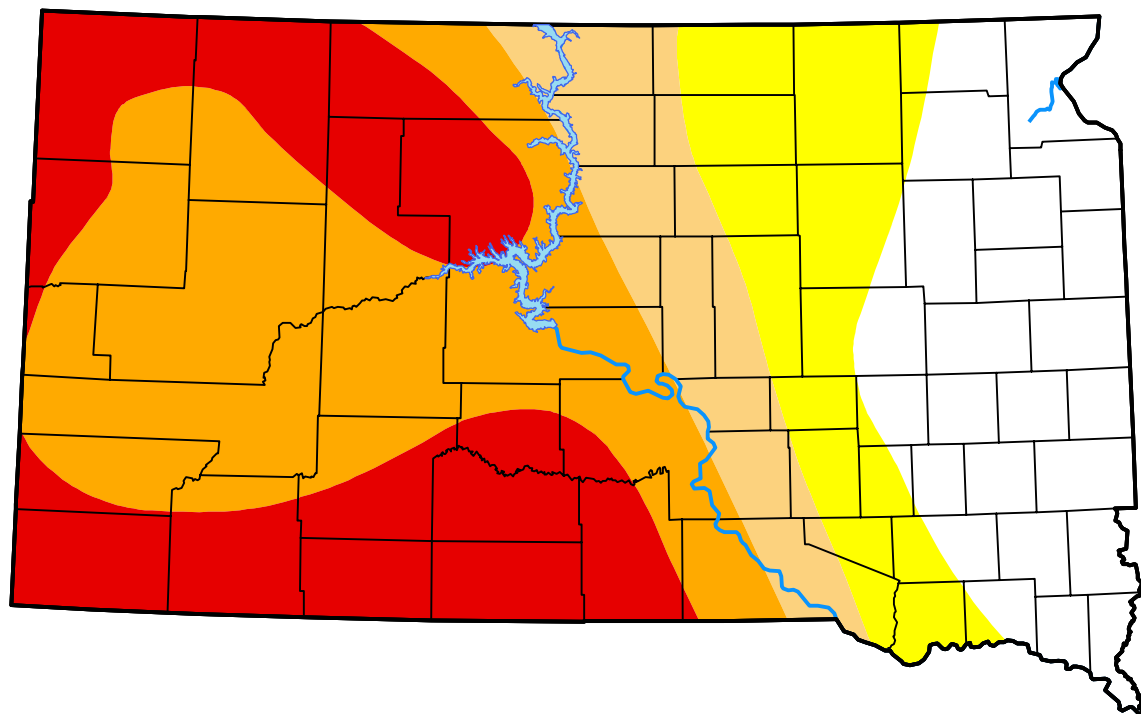


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	20.46	13.87	10.07	30.12	25.49	0.00
Last Week 12-12-2002	24.17	11.11	9.12	29.17	26.42	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-19-2002	32.55	7.34	18.10	17.61	24.40	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2002	53.20	42.56	4.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-03-2002	36.01	11.43	17.42	16.77	18.37	0.00
One Year Ago 12-20-2001	53.22	42.45	4.33	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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