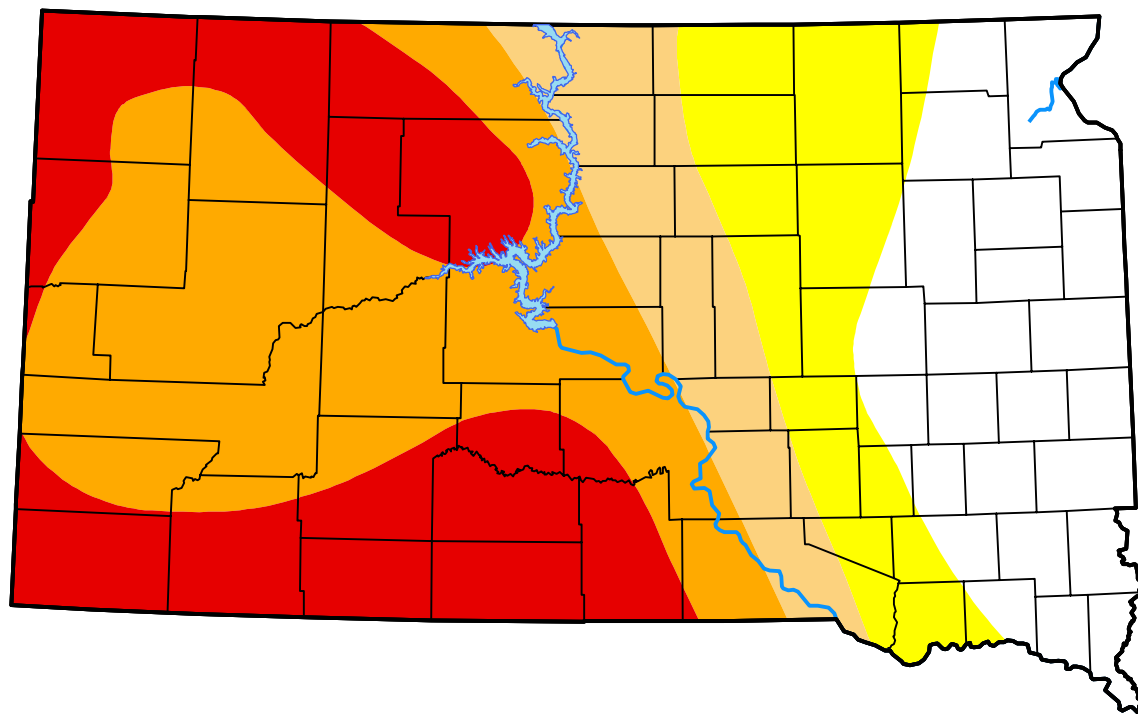


# U.S. Drought Monitor South Dakota

**December 17, 2002**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 20.46 | 79.54 | 65.67 | 55.60 | 25.49 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-12-2002</i>              | 24.17 | 75.83 | 64.72 | 55.60 | 26.42 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-19-2002</i>           | 32.55 | 67.45 | 60.11 | 42.01 | 24.40 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2002</i> | 53.20 | 46.80 | 4.24  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2002</i>    | 36.01 | 63.99 | 52.56 | 35.14 | 18.37 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-20-2001</i>           | 53.22 | 46.78 | 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 |

*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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