

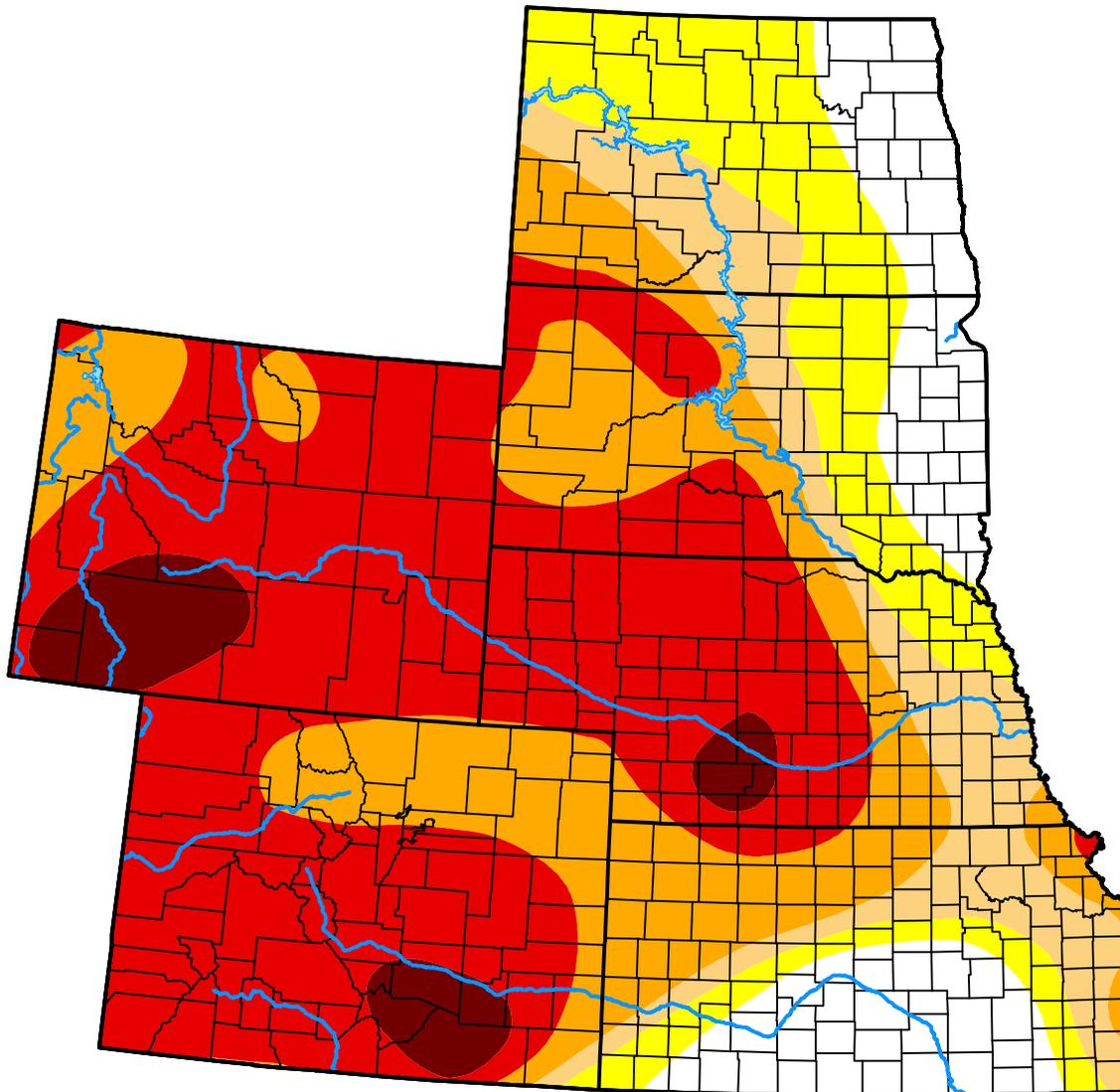
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**December 31, 2002**  
 (Released Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	11.41	88.59	76.64	66.65	45.68	4.79
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-24-2002</i>	12.10	87.90	75.79	65.56	45.12	4.80
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	16.41	83.59	73.36	65.12	49.12	11.49
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	36.40	63.60	28.47	10.73	5.46	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	16.41	83.59	73.36	65.12	49.12	11.49
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	36.40	63.60	28.47	10.73	5.46	0.00



### Intensity:



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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