

U.S. Drought Monitor

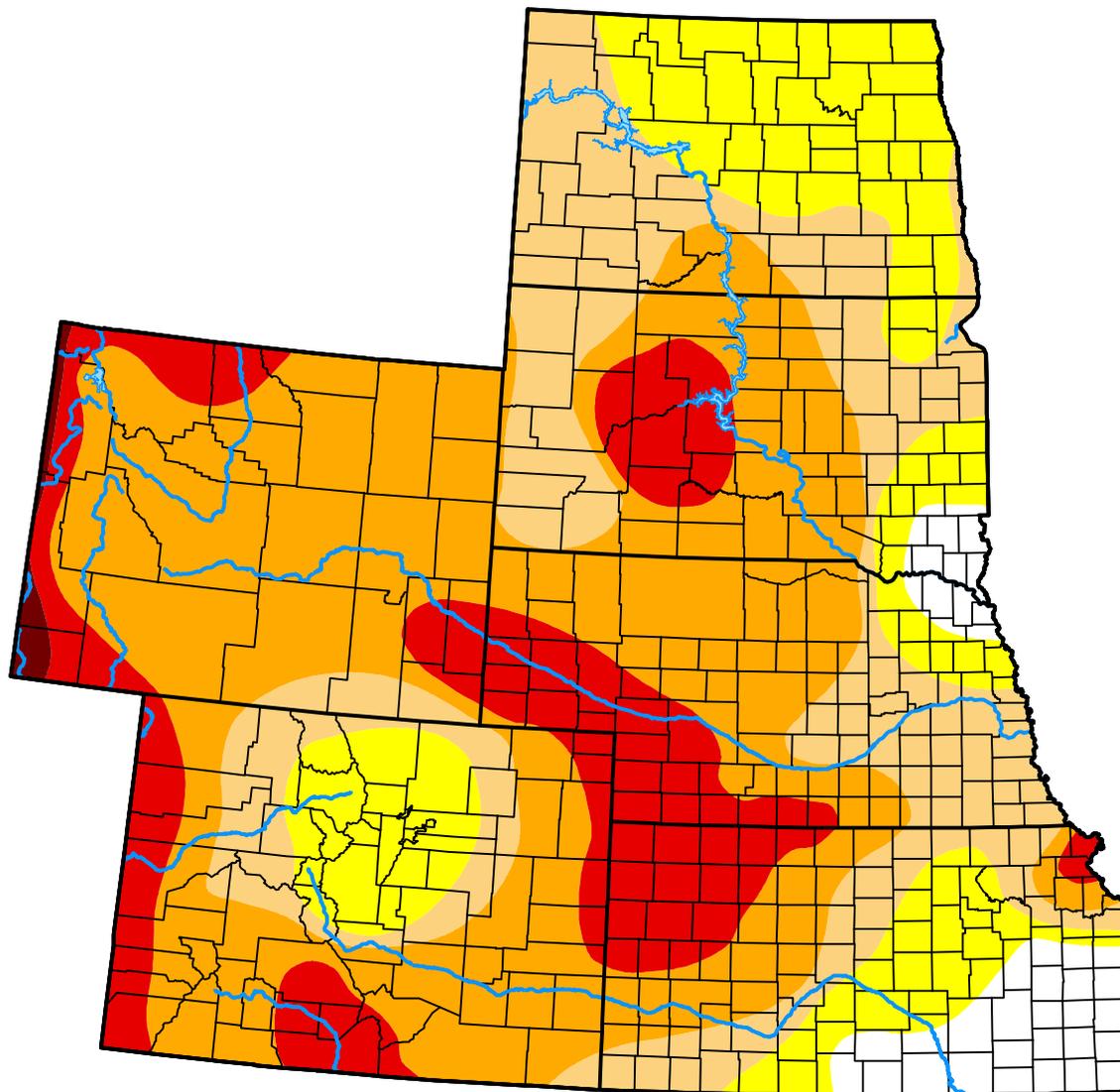
High Plains

December 16, 2003
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.78	17.08	21.92	40.39	15.30	0.53
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	3.89	19.42	20.34	41.29	14.46	0.61
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	2.25	20.41	25.25	40.86	10.89	0.34
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	11.41	11.95	9.99	20.96	40.89	4.79
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	1.95	20.54	26.51	40.16	10.52	0.32
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	11.89	11.63	10.72	20.42	40.59	4.75



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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