

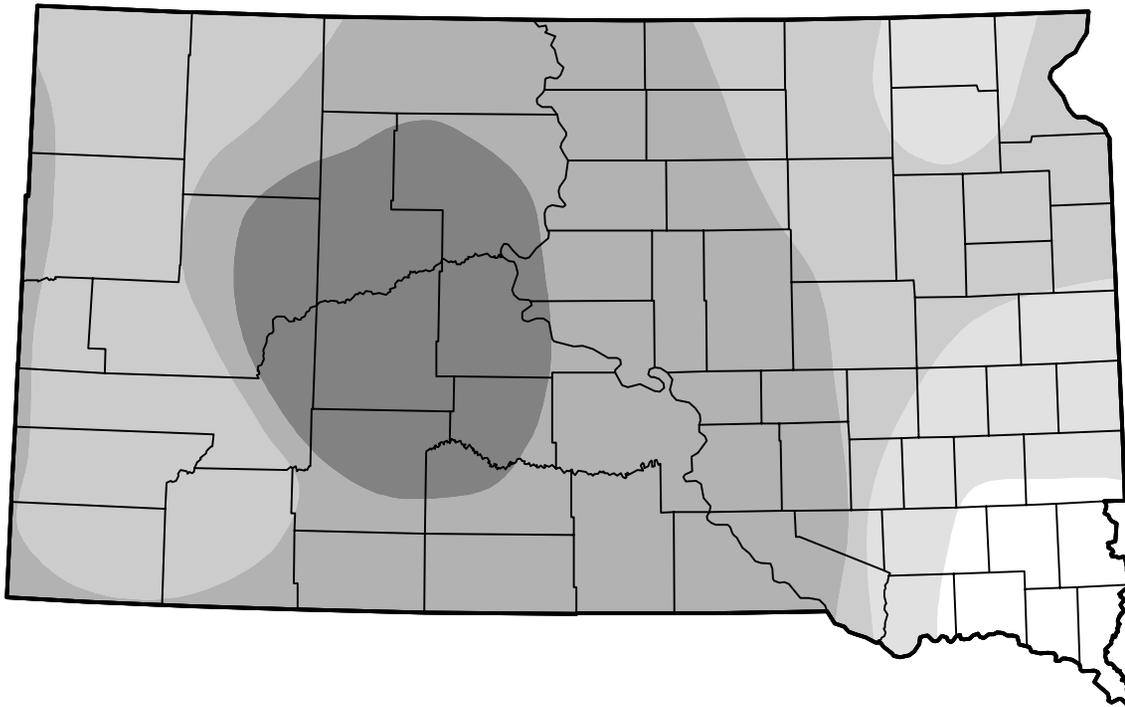
U.S. Drought Monitor South Dakota

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 4.51 | 10.48 | 33.06 | 37.60 | 14.35 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>12-11-2003</i> | 3.97 | 15.11 | 30.65 | 35.23 | 15.04 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2003</i> | 2.33 | 6.91 | 30.75 | 42.20 | 17.82 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i> | 18.11 | 17.57 | 9.03 | 29.93 | 25.36 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i> | 2.47 | 6.48 | 34.22 | 41.76 | 15.07 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>12-19-2002</i> | 20.46 | 13.87 | 10.07 | 30.12 | 25.49 | 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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