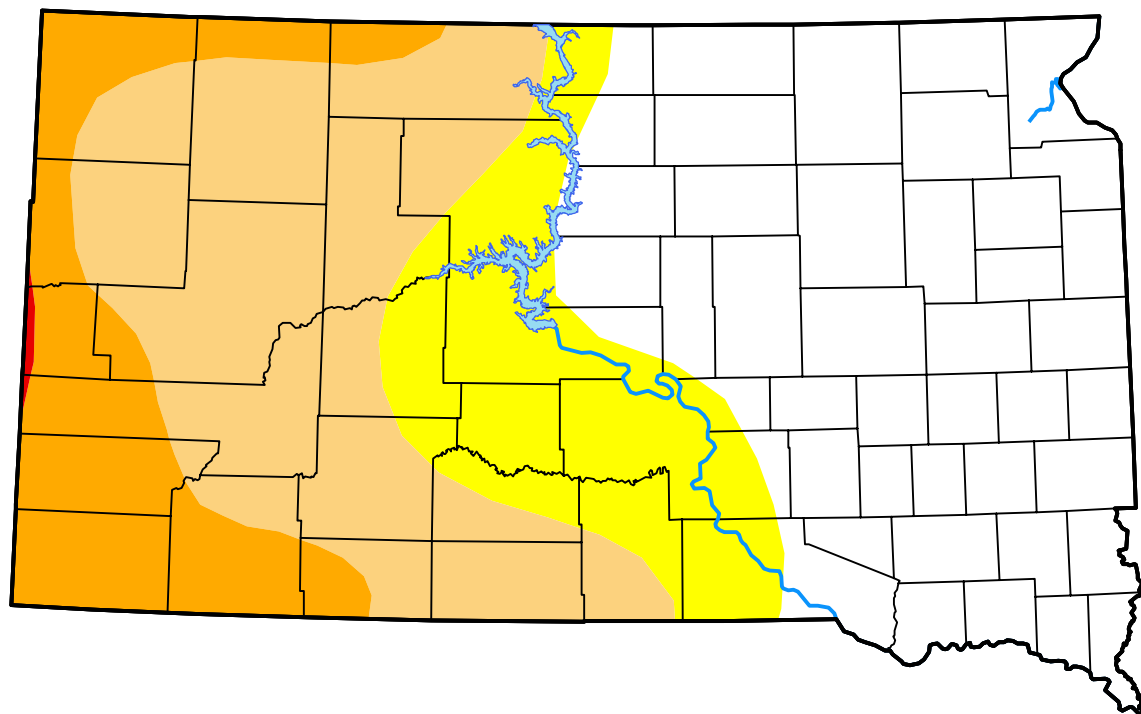


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.21	56.79	41.19	13.67	0.17	0.00
Last Week 12-16-2004	43.21	56.79	39.23	8.20	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-23-2004	37.01	62.99	46.58	14.78	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	0.00	100.00	79.97	51.04	16.06	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2004	38.66	61.34	46.58	14.22	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-24-2003	0.00	100.00	83.52	50.36	14.31	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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