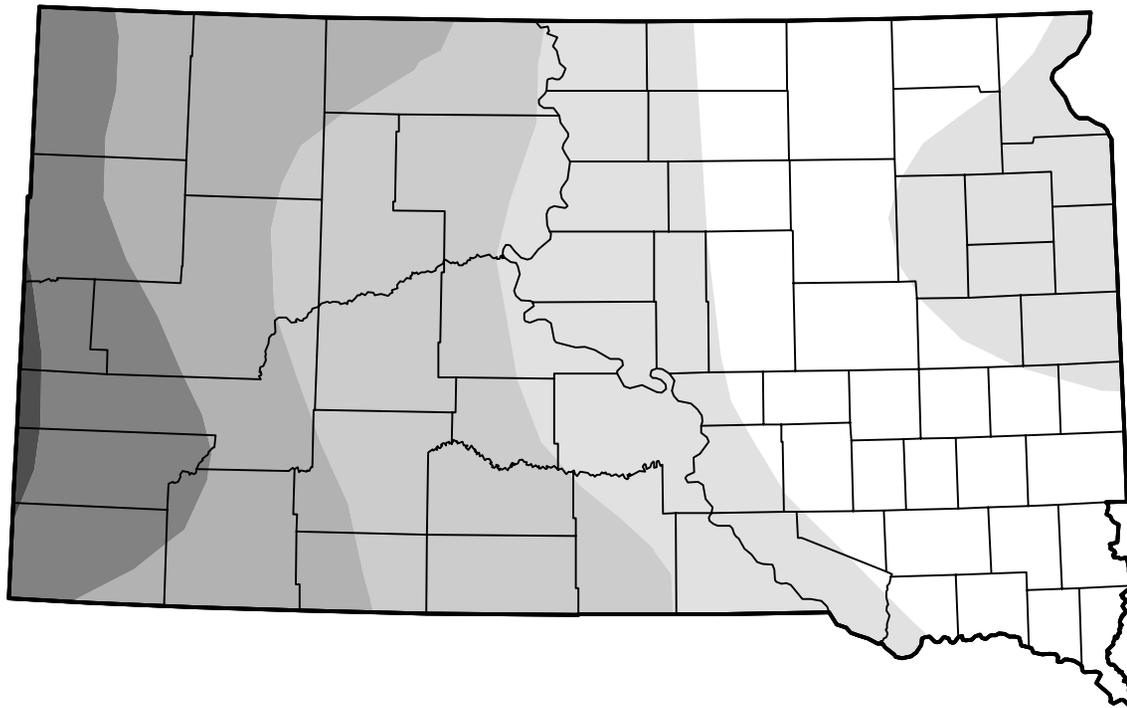


# U.S. Drought Monitor South Dakota

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	26.07	26.28	20.23	16.33	10.45	0.65
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-10-2005</i>	26.07	26.28	20.23	16.33	10.45	0.65
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-16-2004</i>	43.21	17.56	31.02	8.20	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-06-2005</i>	39.80	19.01	23.91	17.11	0.17	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2004</i>	38.66	14.76	32.36	14.22	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-18-2004</i>	1.22	14.43	41.09	43.27	0.00	0.00

***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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