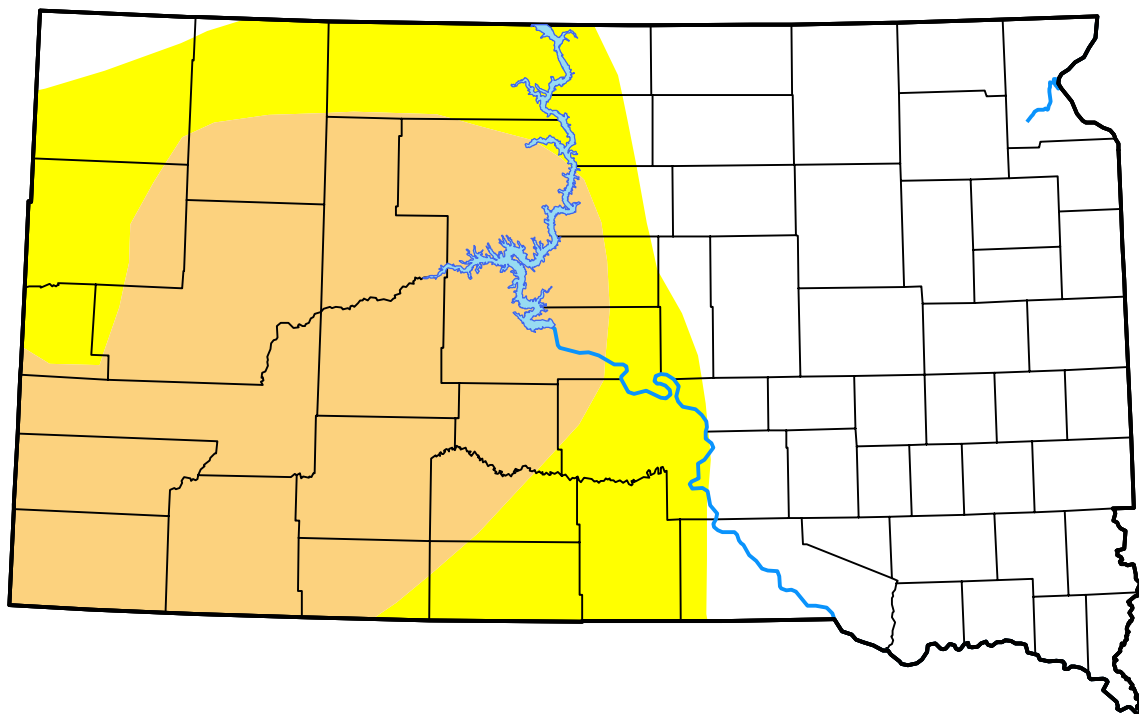


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.06	21.45	35.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-15-2005	43.06	21.45	35.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-22-2005	32.64	43.56	21.83	1.97	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2005	39.80	19.01	23.91	17.11	0.17	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2005	40.38	38.64	20.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-23-2004	43.21	15.60	27.52	13.50	0.17	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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