

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**December 9, 2008**  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 61.52 | 38.48 | 7.84  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-02-2008</i>              | 61.61 | 38.39 | 7.84  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-09-2008</i>           | 56.90 | 43.10 | 15.83 | 4.73  | 1.08  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 46.84 | 53.16 | 29.45 | 11.81 | 0.26  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 60.81 | 39.19 | 12.57 | 3.55  | 1.64  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-11-2007</i>           | 44.81 | 55.19 | 29.27 | 11.94 | 0.26  | 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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