

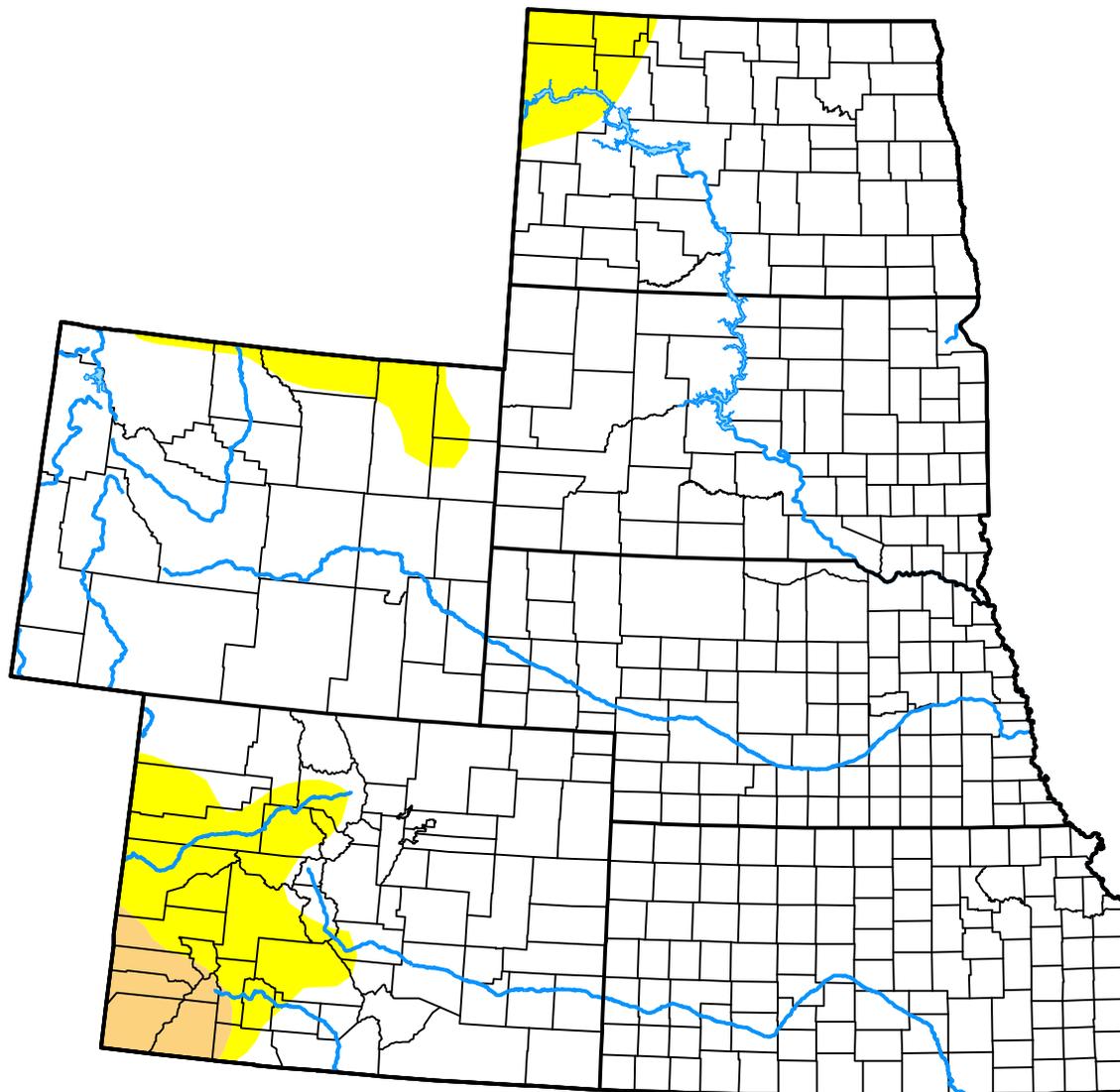
# U.S. Drought Monitor High Plains

**December 22, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	90.79	7.67	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	90.79	7.67	1.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	88.57	11.00	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	64.32	28.67	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	87.89	11.40	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	61.09	31.10	7.81	0.00	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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