

U.S. Drought Monitor

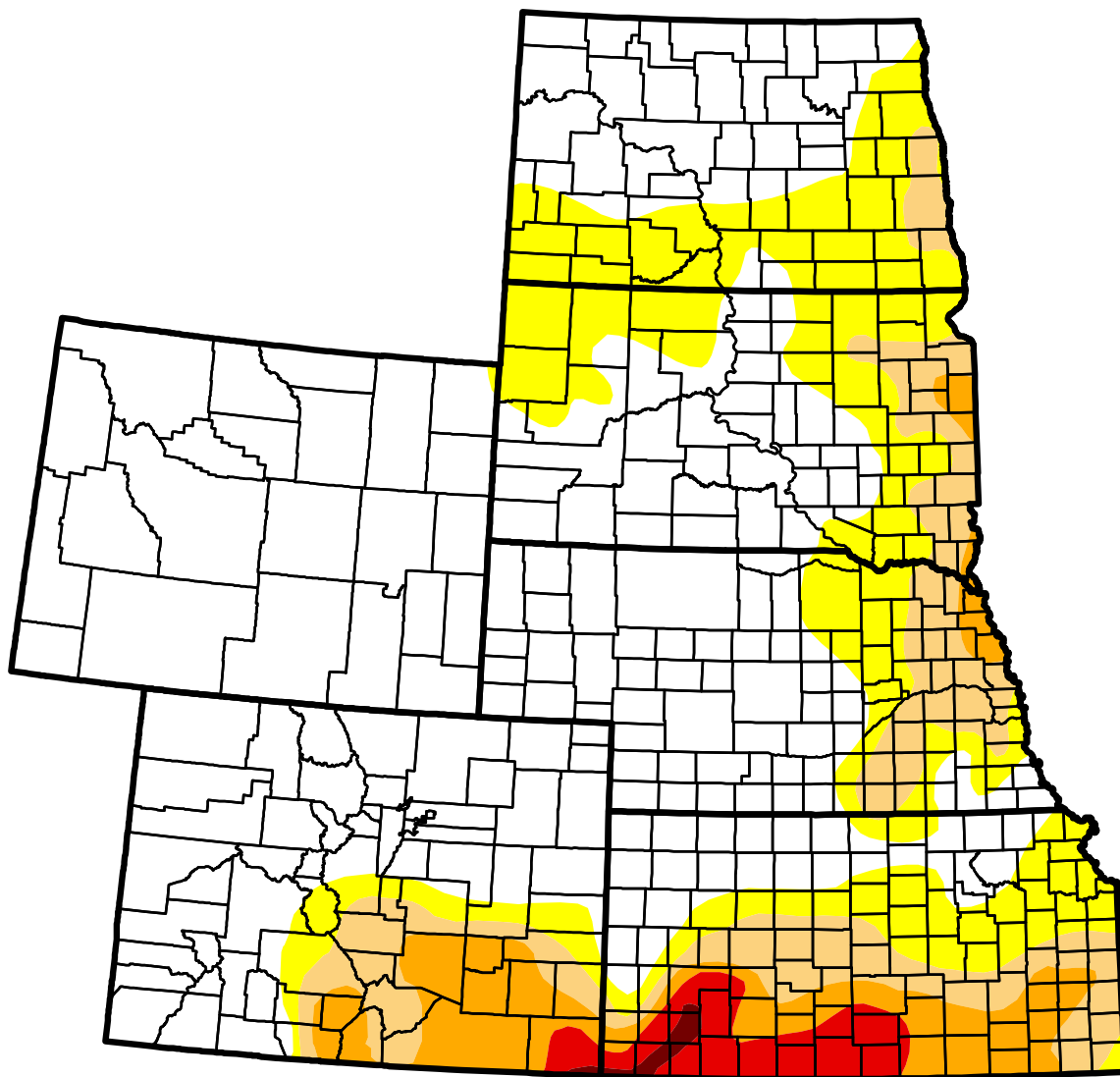
High Plains

December 13, 2011
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	63.68	36.32	17.90	8.62	2.59	0.27
Last Week <i>12/6/2011</i>	63.46	36.54	18.05	9.11	2.59	0.27
3 Months Ago <i>9/13/2011</i>	64.67	35.33	16.76	12.75	6.98	2.96
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/4/2011</i>	60.48	39.52	16.49	2.63	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/27/2011</i>	70.09	29.91	17.44	11.97	6.22	2.96
One Year Ago <i>12/14/2010</i>	81.99	18.01	4.74	1.12	0.29	0.00



Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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