

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**December 4, 2012**  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 1.20  | 5.40  | 6.98  | 28.02 | 31.49 | 26.91 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-27-2012</i>              | 1.20  | 5.11  | 7.73  | 28.07 | 31.17 | 26.72 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-04-2012</i>           | 0.94  | 6.63  | 10.59 | 20.83 | 36.47 | 24.54 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 57.62 | 24.26 | 11.79 | 4.26  | 2.04  | 0.04  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2012</i>    | 0.00  | 1.09  | 15.11 | 22.53 | 36.92 | 24.35 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2011</i>           | 63.46 | 18.49 | 8.95  | 6.52  | 2.32  | 0.27  |

### 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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