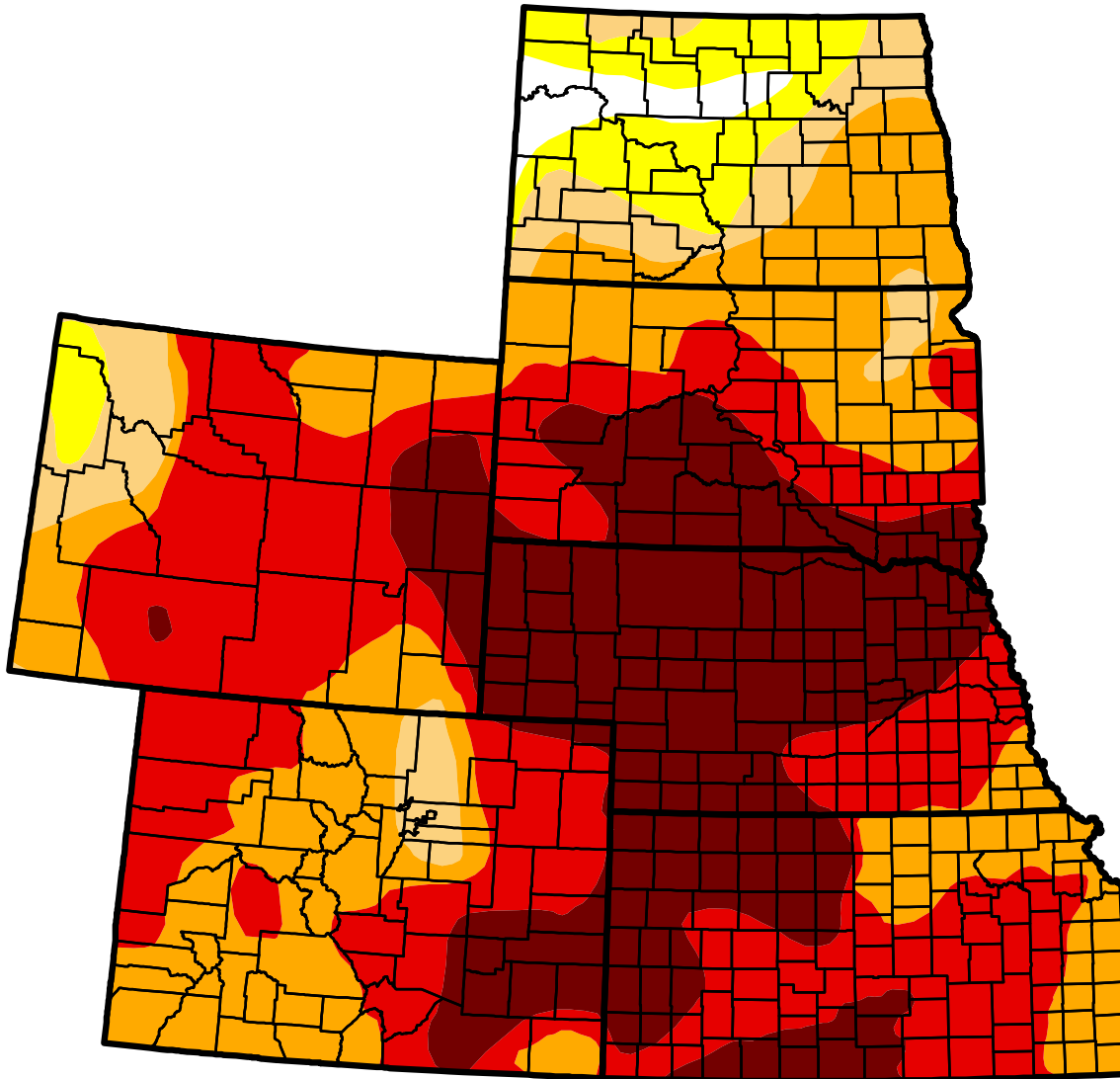


U.S. Drought Monitor High Plains

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.54	98.46	93.01	86.20	59.98	26.99
Last Week <i>12/11/2012</i>	1.54	98.46	93.01	86.12	58.39	26.91
3 Months Ago <i>9/18/2012</i>	0.00	100.00	97.28	82.81	60.63	23.71
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/3/2012</i>	57.62	42.38	18.12	6.33	2.07	0.04
Start of Water Year <i>9/25/2012</i>	0.00	100.00	98.91	83.80	61.28	24.35
One Year Ago <i>12/20/2011</i>	71.66	28.34	13.42	6.80	0.00	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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