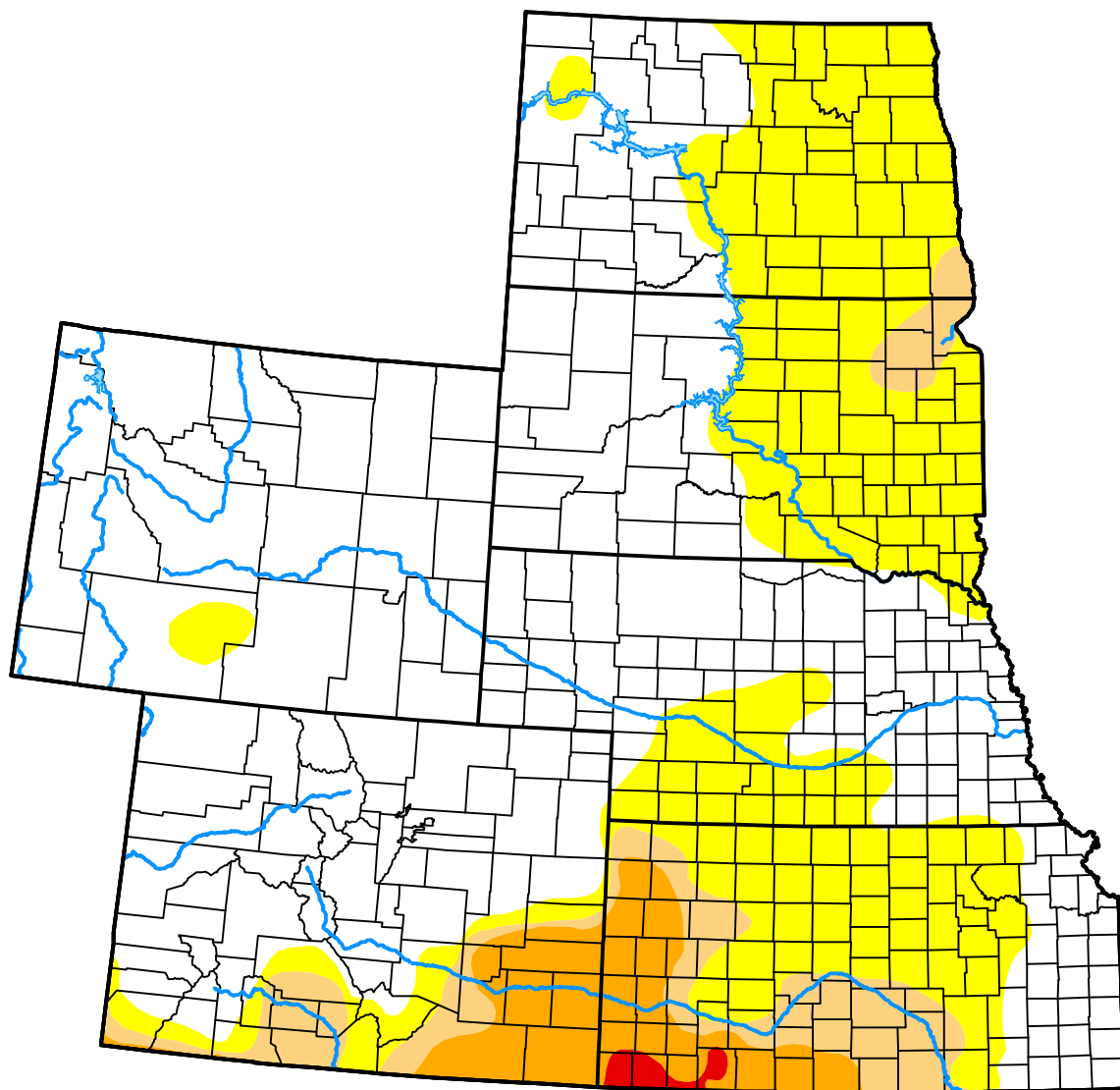


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**December 16, 2014**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 61.11 | 38.89 | 11.28 | 5.46  | 0.36  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-09-2014</i>              | 60.95 | 39.05 | 11.46 | 5.63  | 0.36  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-16-2014</i>           | 77.31 | 22.69 | 12.71 | 5.67  | 0.87  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2013</i> | 45.79 | 54.21 | 20.60 | 12.28 | 2.44  | 0.30 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2014</i>    | 78.99 | 21.01 | 12.14 | 5.98  | 0.86  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-17-2013</i>           | 44.81 | 55.19 | 20.96 | 12.01 | 2.05  | 0.30 |

**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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