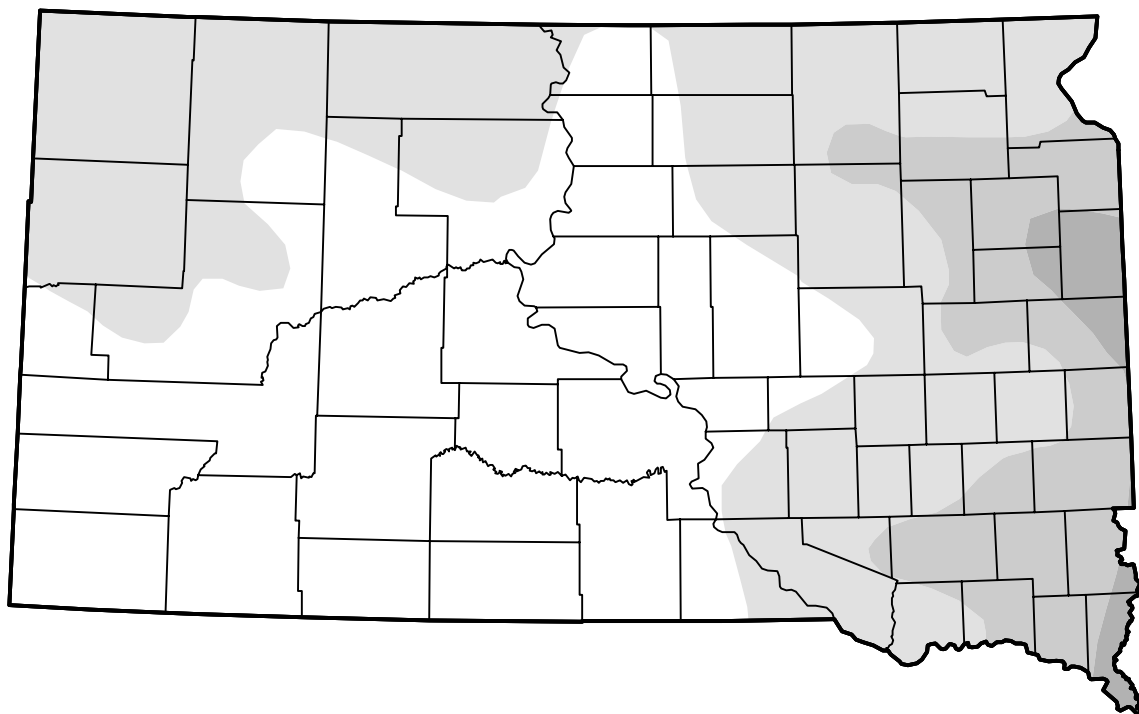


# U.S. Drought Monitor South Dakota

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 48.14 | 51.86 | 13.86 | 2.11  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-29-2011</i>              | 48.14 | 51.86 | 13.86 | 2.11  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-06-2011</i>           | 66.45 | 33.55 | 9.24  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 48.14 | 51.86 | 13.86 | 2.11  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 71.37 | 28.63 | 7.36  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-06-2011</i>           | 99.00 | 1.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

**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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