

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 51.70 | 29.79 | 12.18 | 4.26 | 2.04 | 0.04 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i>              | 57.62 | 24.26 | 11.79 | 4.26 | 2.04 | 0.04 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-11-2011</i>           | 71.42 | 11.15 | 5.32  | 6.58 | 2.95 | 2.57 |
| <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>09-27-2011</i>    | 70.09 | 12.47 | 5.48  | 5.74 | 3.26 | 2.96 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-11-2011</i>           | 61.01 | 20.06 | 16.29 | 2.63 | 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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