

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**February 28, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 1, 2012)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 44.79 | 55.21 | 21.93 | 5.70  | 1.56  | 0.04 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-21-2012</i>              | 44.70 | 55.30 | 22.83 | 6.13  | 1.56  | 0.04 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-29-2011</i>           | 60.93 | 39.07 | 22.63 | 11.00 | 3.18  | 0.53 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 57.62 | 42.38 | 18.12 | 6.33  | 2.07  | 0.04 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 70.09 | 29.91 | 17.44 | 11.97 | 6.22  | 2.96 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-01-2011</i>           | 64.33 | 35.67 | 18.47 | 7.78  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

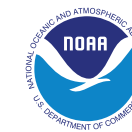
### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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