

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**August 21, 2012**  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 4.31  | 8.20  | 10.52 | 25.24 | 35.52 | 16.20 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-14-2012</i>              | 4.48  | 9.47  | 9.08  | 27.33 | 34.12 | 15.52 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-22-2012</i>           | 36.54 | 36.23 | 20.66 | 5.08  | 1.49  | 0.00  |
| <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>08-23-2011</i>           | 75.80 | 8.20  | 3.35  | 6.40  | 3.65  | 2.59  |

### 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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