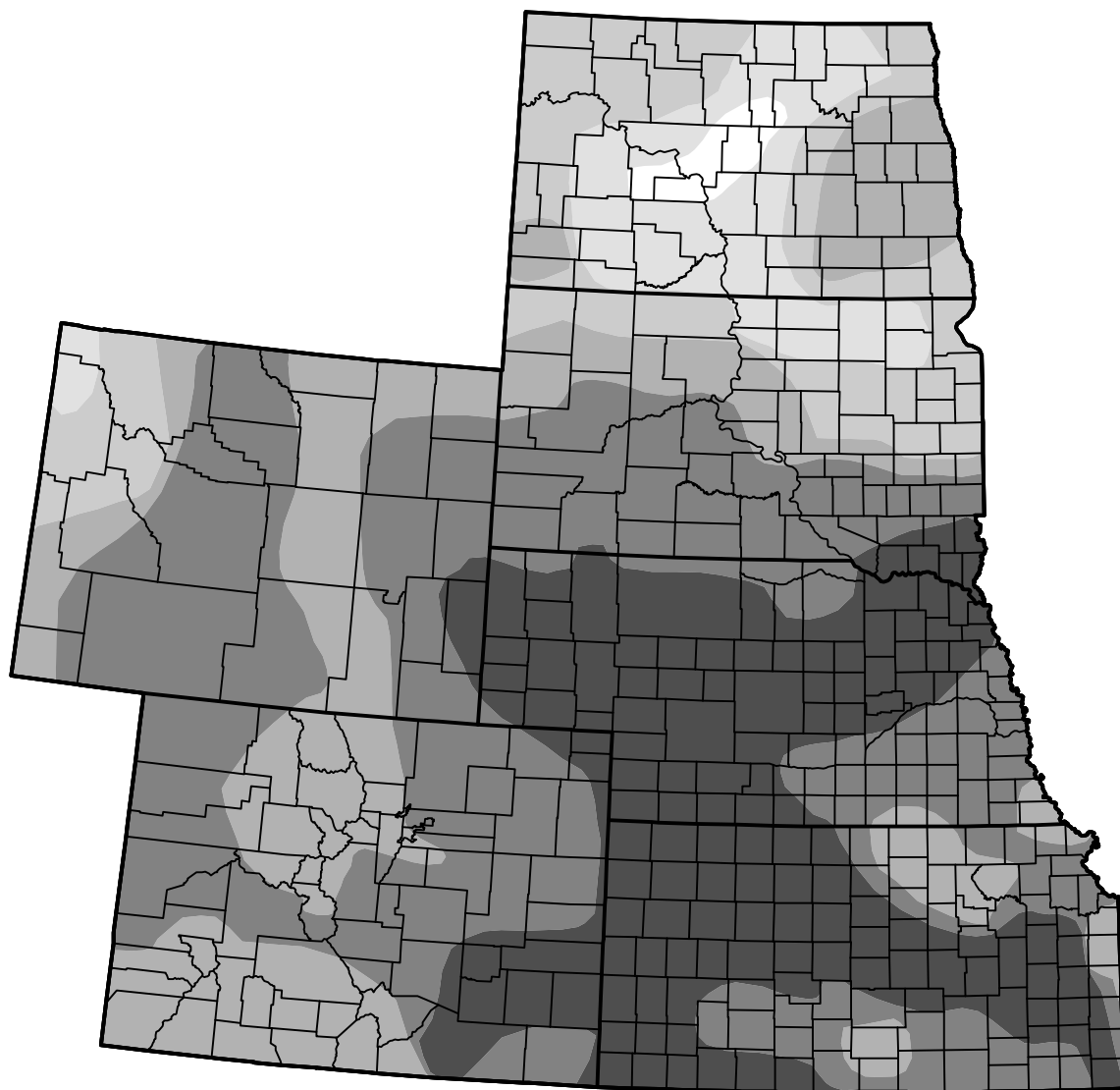


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**September 4, 2012**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.94  | 99.06 | 92.43 | 81.84 | 61.01 | 24.54 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-28-2012</i>              | 1.25  | 98.75 | 88.07 | 79.12 | 54.19 | 14.97 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-05-2012</i>           | 29.16 | 70.84 | 36.18 | 8.77  | 2.28  | 0.00  |
| <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>09-06-2011</i>           | 72.62 | 27.38 | 16.32 | 12.75 | 6.92  | 3.13  |

**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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