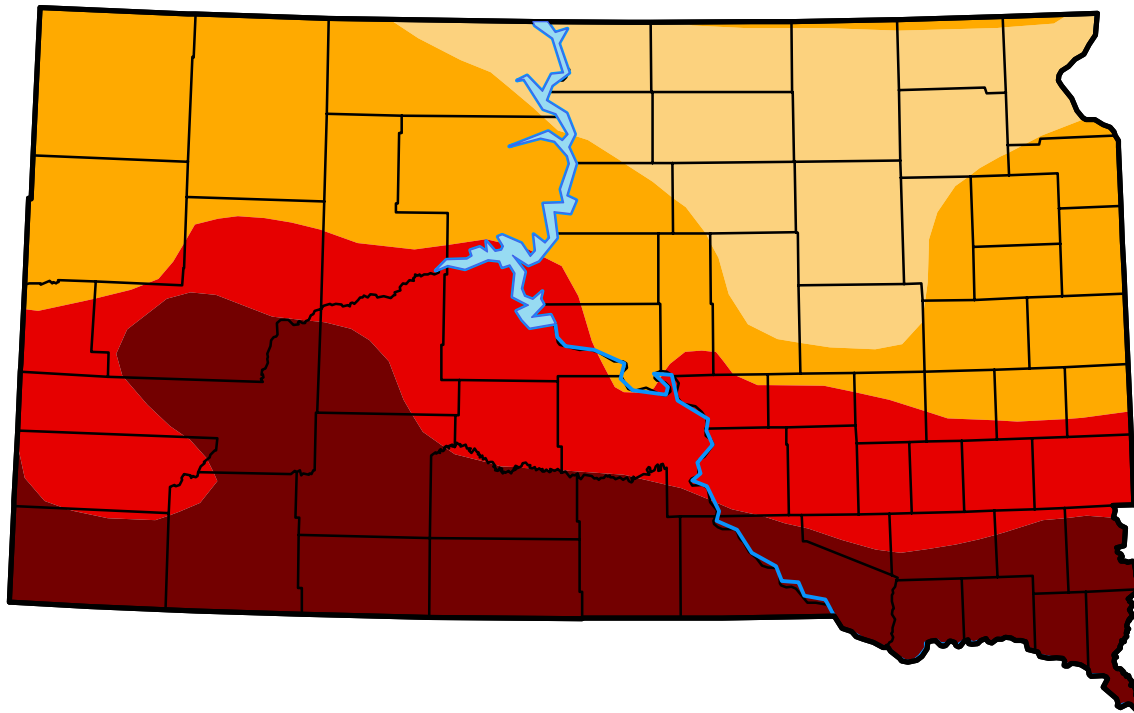


U.S. Drought Monitor South Dakota

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	0.00	0.00	17.70	31.83	23.48	27.00
Last Week <i>09-25-2012</i>	0.00	0.00	25.31	24.15	43.82	6.72
3 Months Ago <i>07-03-2012</i>	4.02	48.73	44.06	3.19	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	48.14	38.00	11.75	2.11	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	0.00	0.00	25.31	24.15	43.82	6.72
One Year Ago <i>10-04-2011</i>	66.45	24.31	9.24	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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