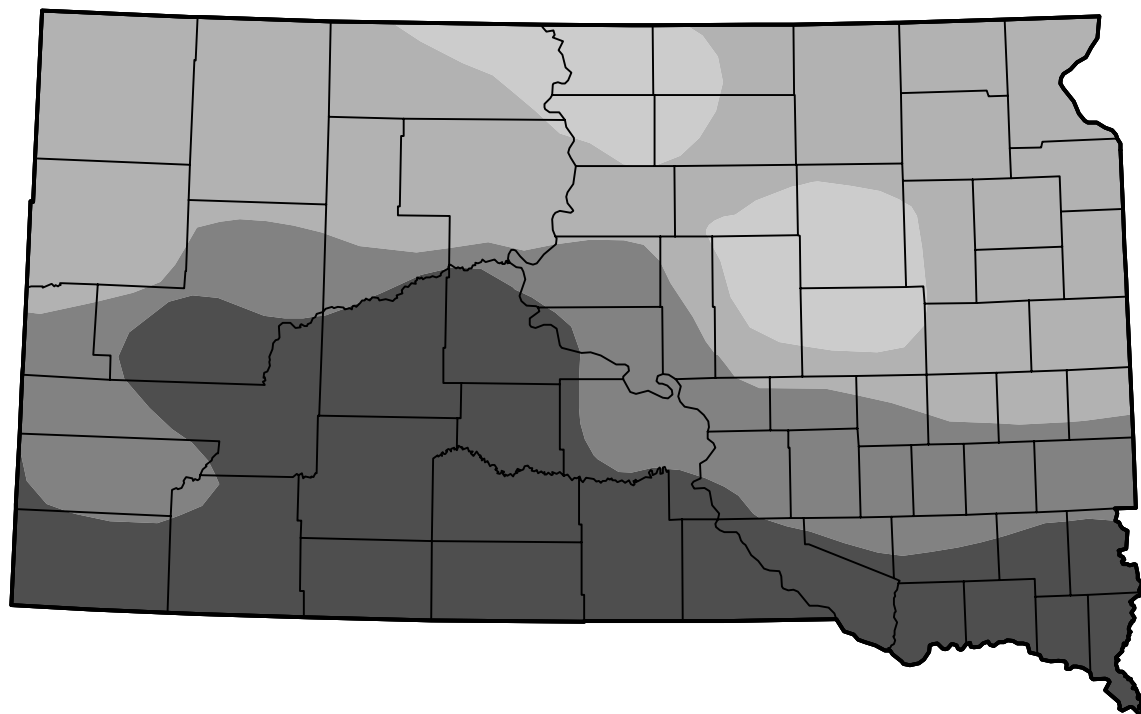


# U.S. Drought Monitor South Dakota

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4  | D1-D4  | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.00  | 100.00 | 100.00 | 91.39 | 52.65 | 32.57 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-04-2012</i>              | 0.00  | 100.00 | 100.00 | 82.30 | 50.48 | 27.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-12-2012</i>           | 0.00  | 100.00 | 77.46  | 19.37 | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 48.14 | 51.86  | 13.86  | 2.11  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 0.00  | 100.00 | 100.00 | 74.69 | 50.53 | 6.72  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-13-2011</i>           | 74.03 | 25.97  | 7.43   | 0.00  | 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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