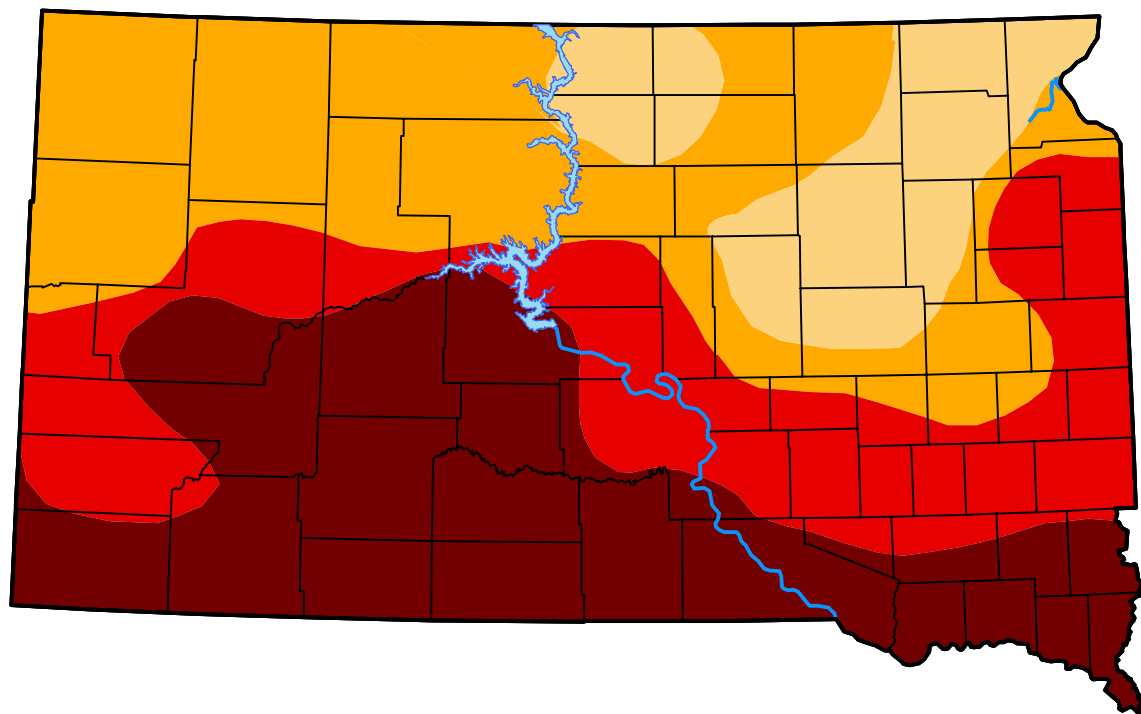


# U.S. Drought Monitor South Dakota

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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 | 87.41 | 56.86 | 32.57 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-18-2012</i>              | 0.00  | 100.00 | 100.00 | 91.45 | 57.21 | 32.57 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-26-2012</i>           | 0.00  | 100.00 | 91.99  | 59.15 | 20.38 | 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>10-27-2011</i>           | 72.28 | 27.72  | 9.61   | 0.02  | 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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