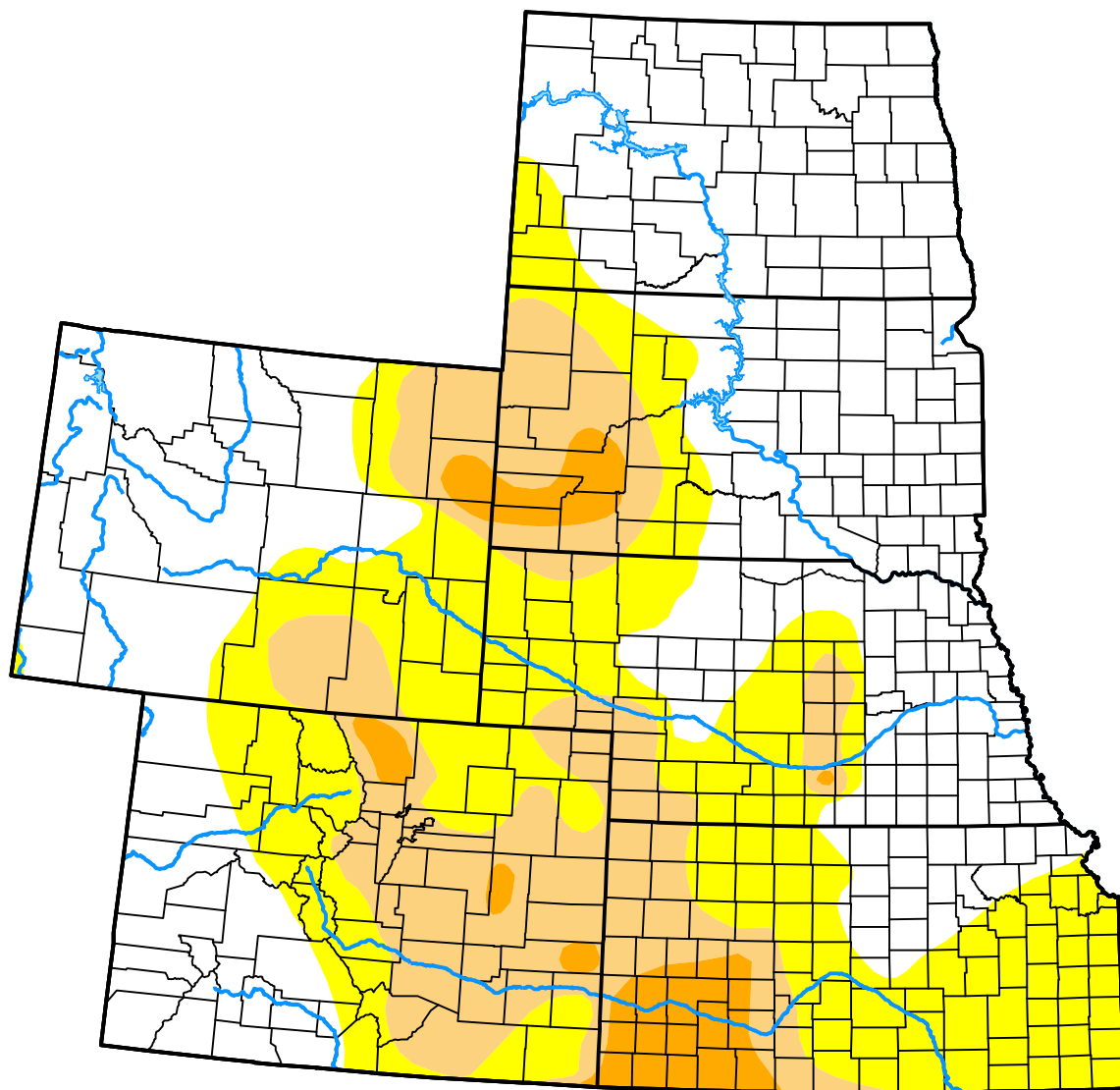


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**December 27, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 50.65 | 49.35 | 21.54 | 4.05  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-20-2016</i>              | 44.85 | 55.15 | 22.68 | 4.68  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>           | 70.86 | 29.14 | 8.66  | 2.68  | 0.17  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 78.82 | 21.18 | 1.58  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 70.86 | 29.14 | 8.66  | 2.68  | 0.17  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i>           | 78.82 | 21.18 | 1.58  | 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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