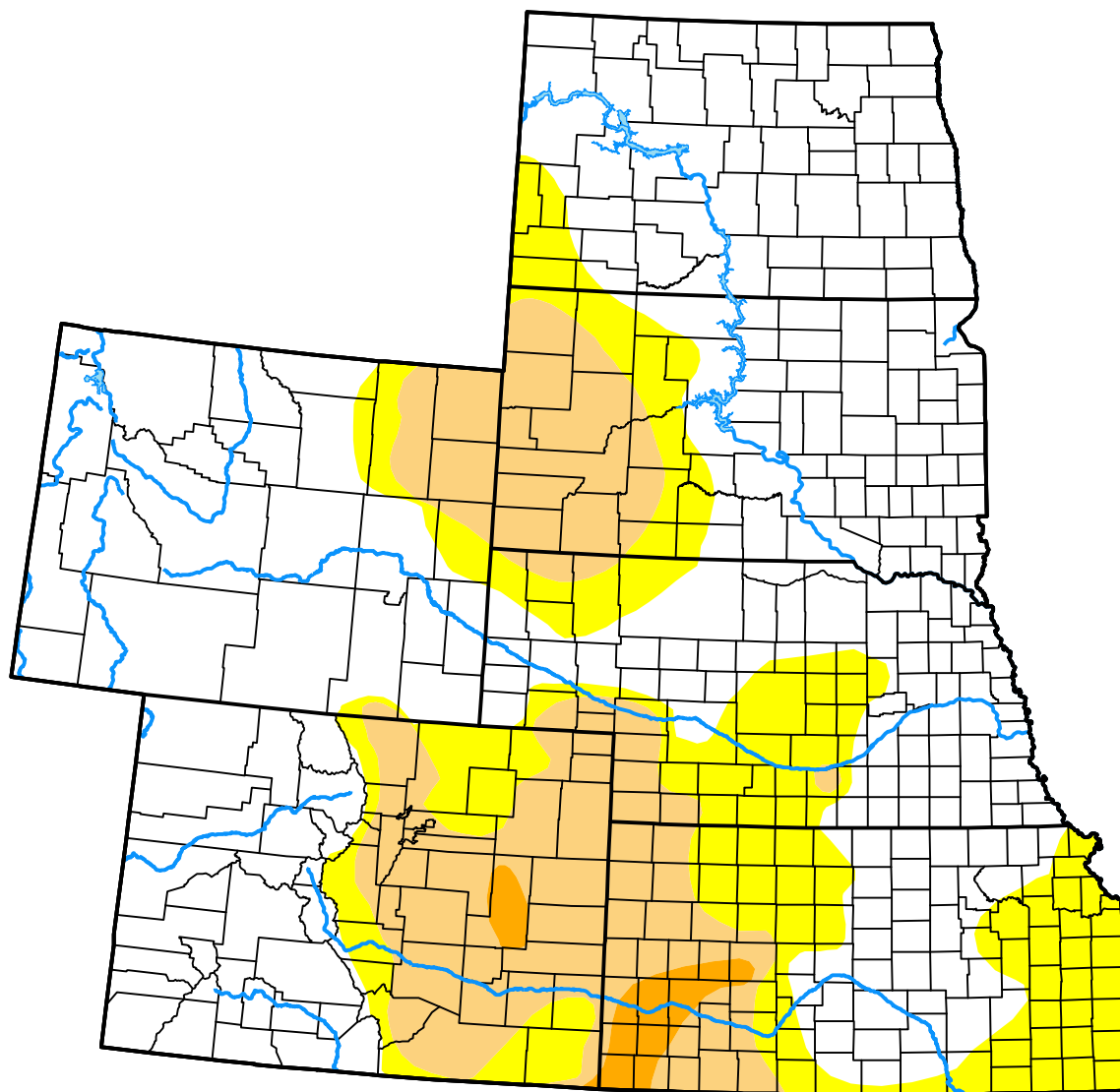


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**February 21, 2017**  
*(Released Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 63.26 | 36.74 | 18.95 | 1.41  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-14-2017</i>              | 63.16 | 36.84 | 18.95 | 1.23  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-22-2016</i>           | 43.95 | 56.05 | 21.05 | 1.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 50.65 | 49.35 | 21.54 | 3.85  | 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>02-23-2016</i>           | 73.57 | 26.43 | 3.03  | 0.23  | 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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