

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## High Plains

**January 30, 2018**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 21.65 | 78.35 | 43.93 | 13.70 | 0.69  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-23-2018</i>              | 18.95 | 81.05 | 41.55 | 12.11 | 0.66  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-31-2017</i>           | 64.75 | 35.25 | 13.70 | 3.26  | 0.90  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2018</i> | 19.28 | 80.72 | 29.19 | 6.34  | 0.90  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 56.15 | 43.85 | 21.11 | 8.37  | 1.32  | 0.06 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-31-2017</i>           | 62.40 | 37.60 | 18.60 | 1.23  | 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>*

### Author:

Richard Heim  
 NCEI/NOAA



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**

