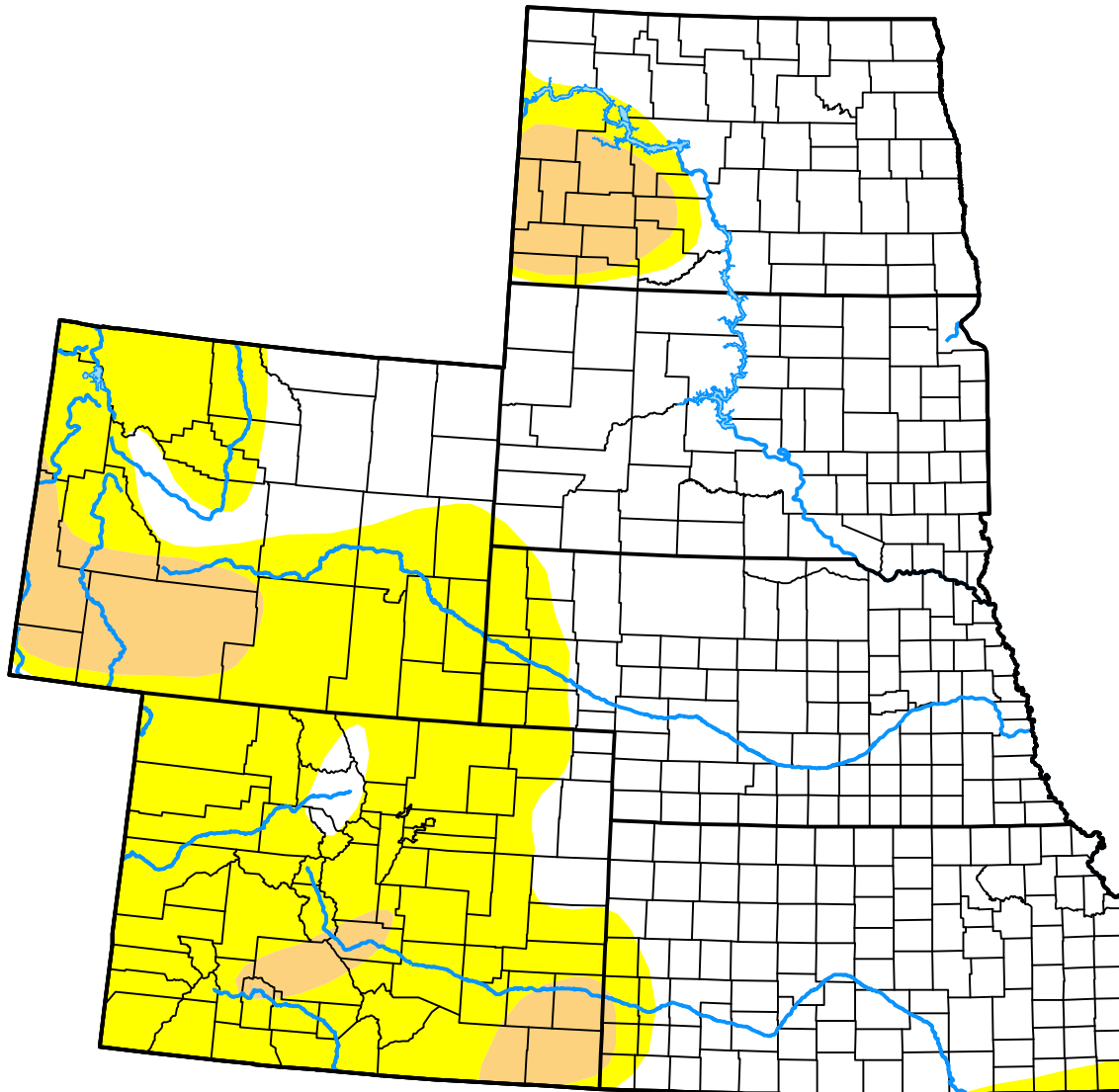


U.S. Drought Monitor

High Plains Climate Region

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	61.23	38.77	7.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	61.52	38.48	7.84	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	59.83	40.17	13.09	5.00	1.64	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	46.84	53.16	29.45	11.81	0.26	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	60.81	39.19	12.57	3.55	1.64	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	46.84	53.16	29.29	11.94	0.26	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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