

**(S.D.)-SD Drought Unchanged; Conditions Ease In ND**

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**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP)** - The drought in South Dakota is unchanged over the week but conditions have eased in North Dakota for a second week.

The latest U.S. Drought Monitor map shows that about 57 percent of South Dakota remains in the two worst categories of drought, extreme and exceptional. All of the state is in some form of drought.

About 90 percent of North Dakota is in some category of drought, down from 95 percent last week. The state has no areas in extreme or exceptional drought. About 30 percent of the state is in severe drought, down from 37 percent over the week.