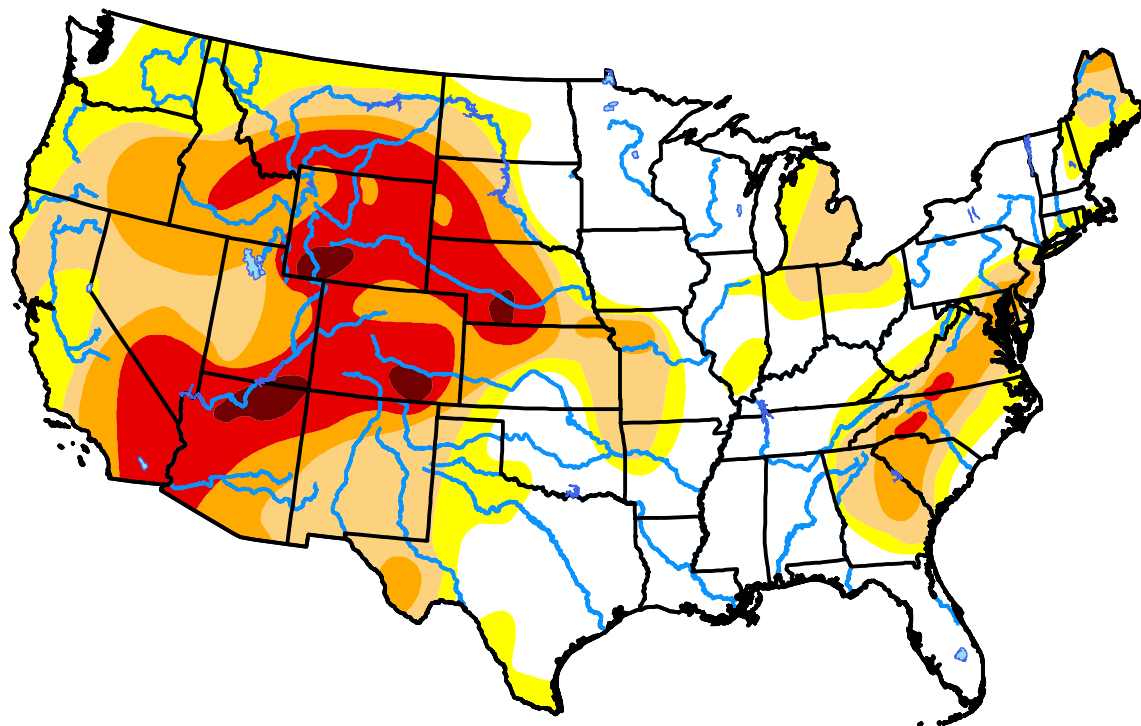


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.31	64.68	48.45	30.38	15.47	1.34
Last Week <i>10-15-2002</i>	32.30	67.69	49.81	31.25	15.86	1.34
3 Months Ago <i>07-23-2002</i>	28.15	71.85	51.47	35.91	22.55	5.99
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	46.53	53.46	36.64	22.71	8.75	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.08	70.92	48.59	33.38	17.84	3.14
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2001</i>	48.05	51.94	31.41	19.71	10.00	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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