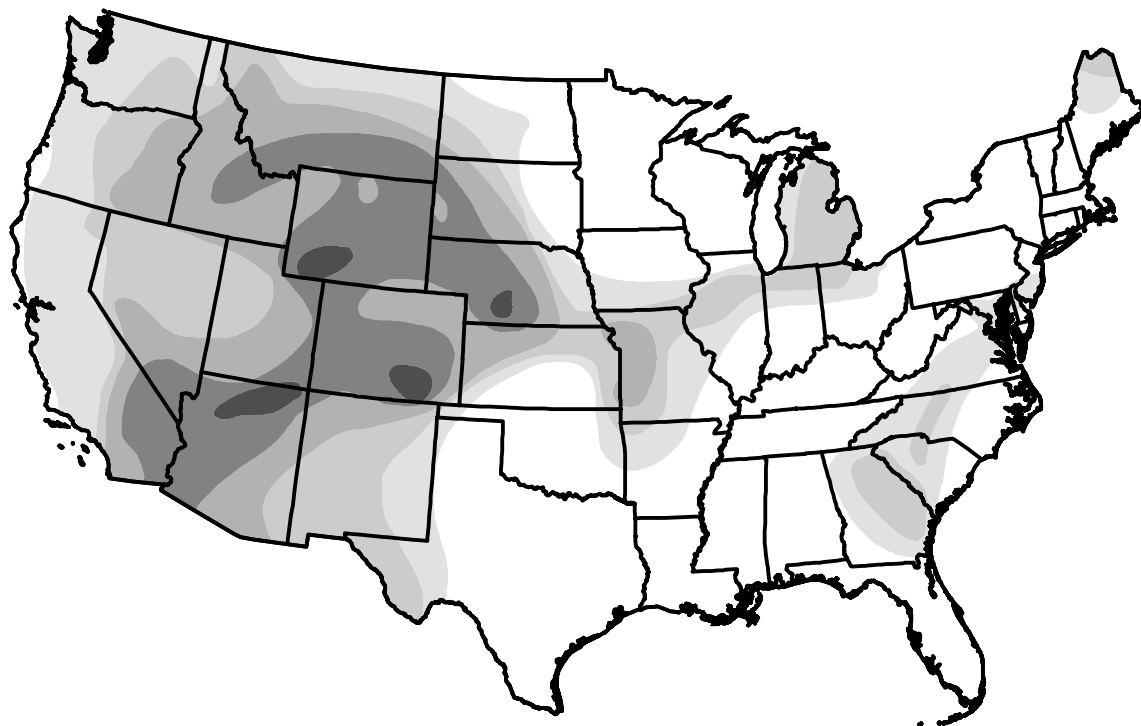


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	41.04	16.91	15.45	13.35	12.16	1.09
Last Week <i>11-26-2002</i>	41.37	17.15	15.24	12.69	12.42	1.11
3 Months Ago <i>09-03-2002</i>	32.08	17.97	13.82	14.70	15.20	6.23
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	46.53	16.82	13.93	13.95	8.75	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.08	22.33	15.21	15.54	14.70	3.14
One Year Ago <i>12-04-2001</i>	44.08	17.25	14.98	14.26	9.42	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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