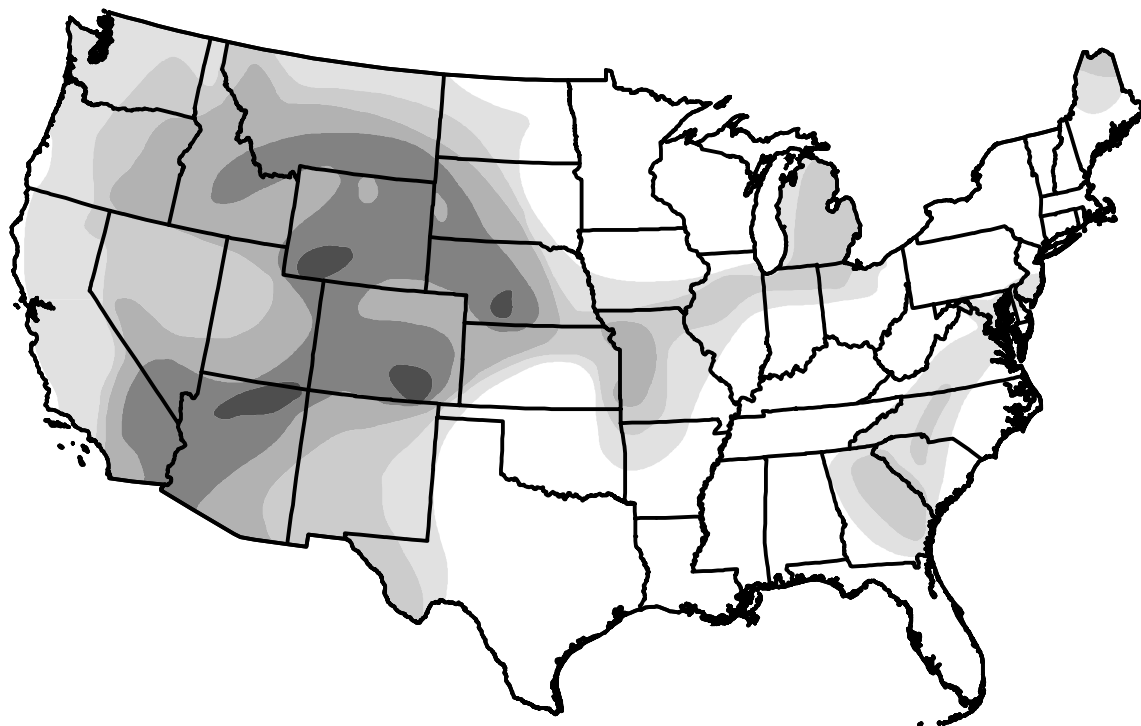


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.04	58.95	42.04	26.59	13.25	1.09
Last Week <i>11-26-2002</i>	41.37	58.62	41.47	26.23	13.53	1.11
3 Months Ago <i>09-03-2002</i>	32.08	67.92	49.95	36.13	21.43	6.23
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>12-04-2001</i>	44.08	55.91	38.66	23.68	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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