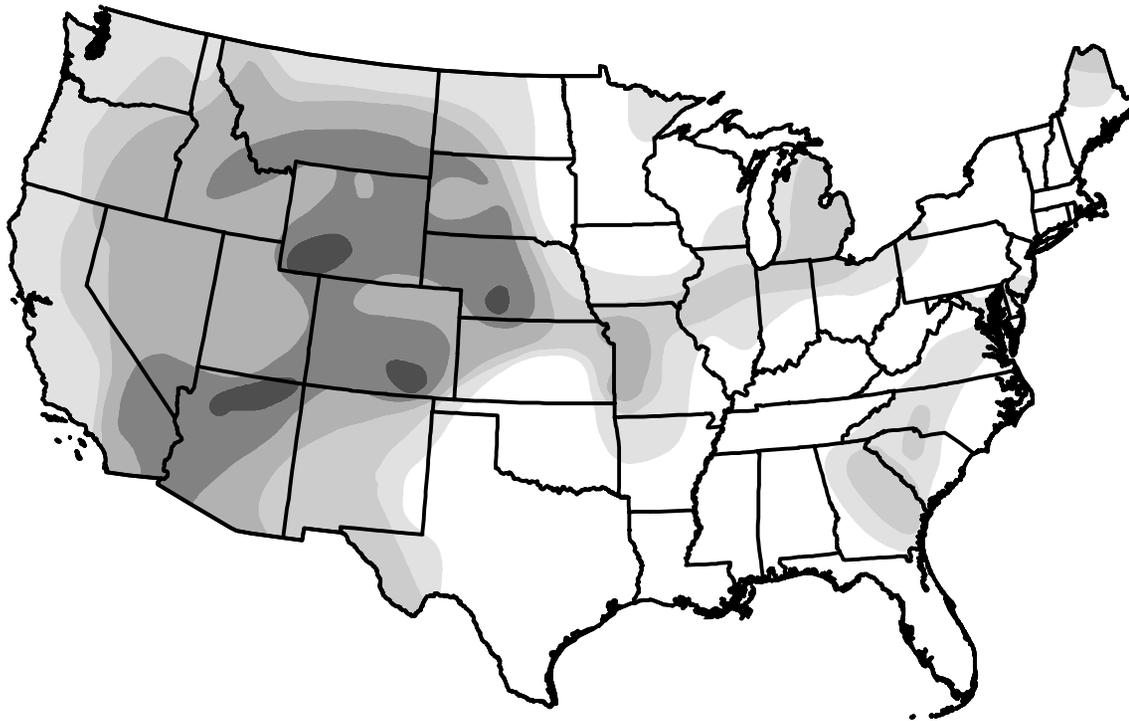


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.62	61.37	43.77	30.76	13.66	1.26
Last Week <i>12-03-2002</i>	41.04	58.95	42.04	26.59	13.25	1.09
3 Months Ago <i>09-10-2002</i>	28.94	71.06	54.63	38.04	20.52	5.00
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>12-11-2001</i>	45.64	54.35	37.11	21.90	8.69	0.00

Intensity:



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