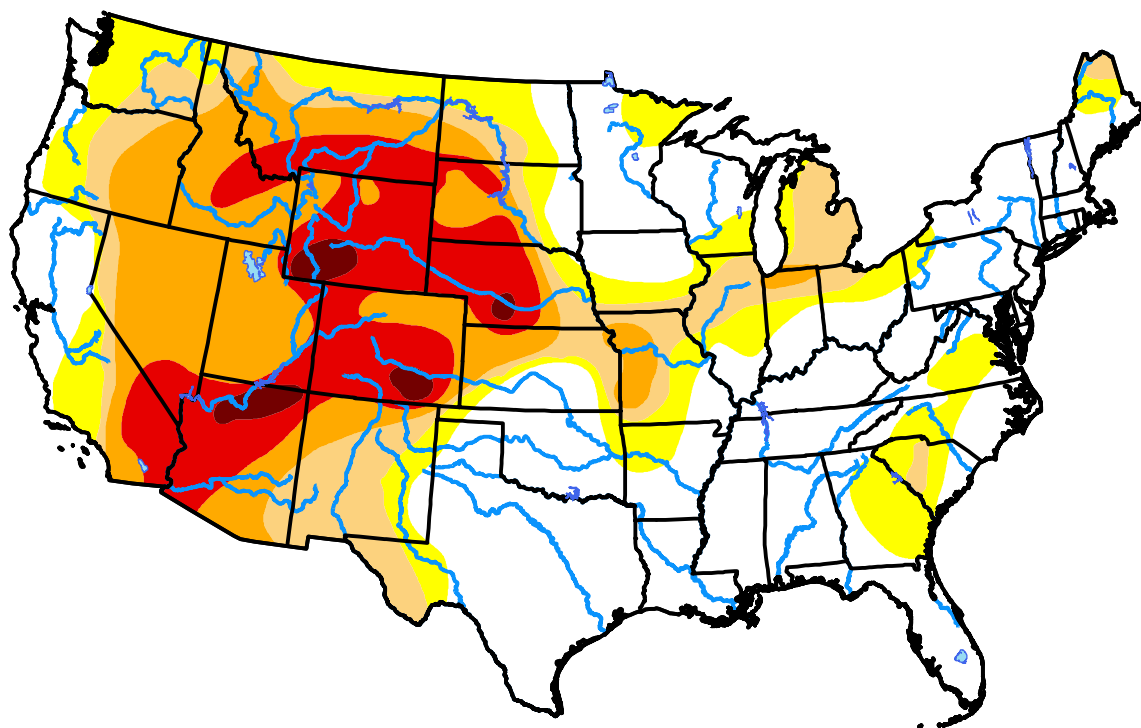


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.27	57.72	42.57	30.77	13.90	1.28
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	38.62	61.37	43.77	30.76	13.66	1.26
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	28.57	71.42	53.50	37.09	19.92	3.88
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>12-18-2001</i>	46.76	53.23	36.95	23.03	8.65	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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