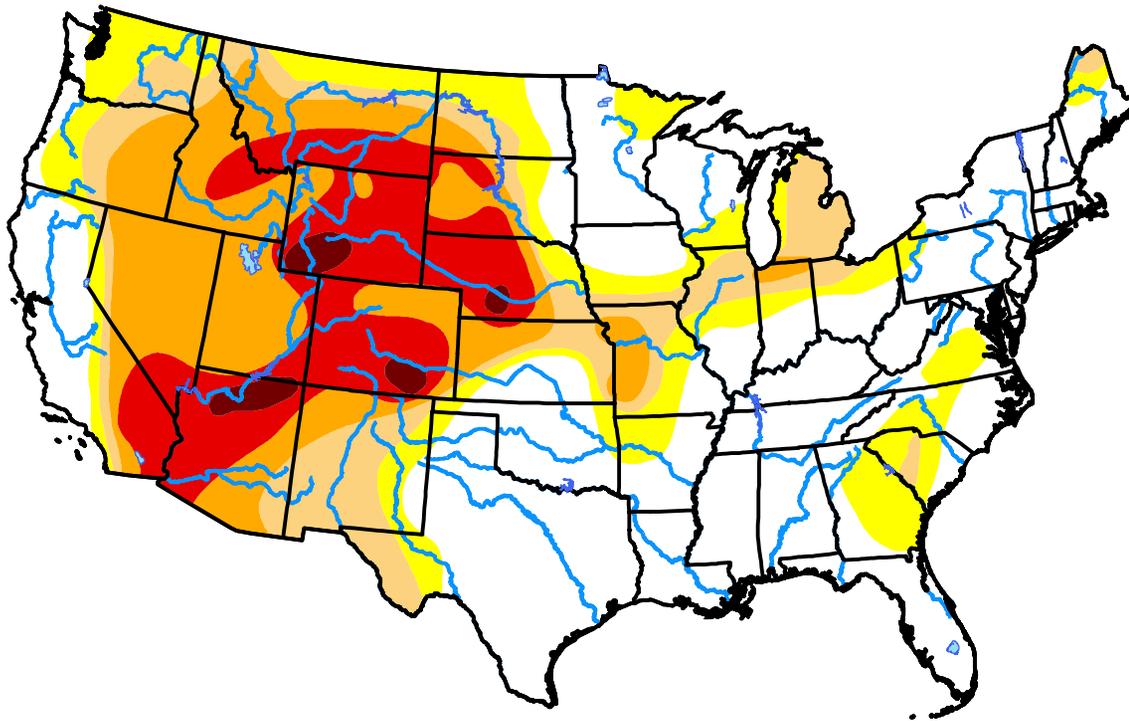


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.42	14.46	11.46	16.75	12.63	1.28
Last Week <i>12-17-2002</i>	42.27	15.15	11.80	16.86	12.63	1.28
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	31.89	15.38	17.02	16.91	15.49	3.29
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>12-25-2001</i>	46.66	16.98	13.76	14.48	8.12	0.00

Intensity:



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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