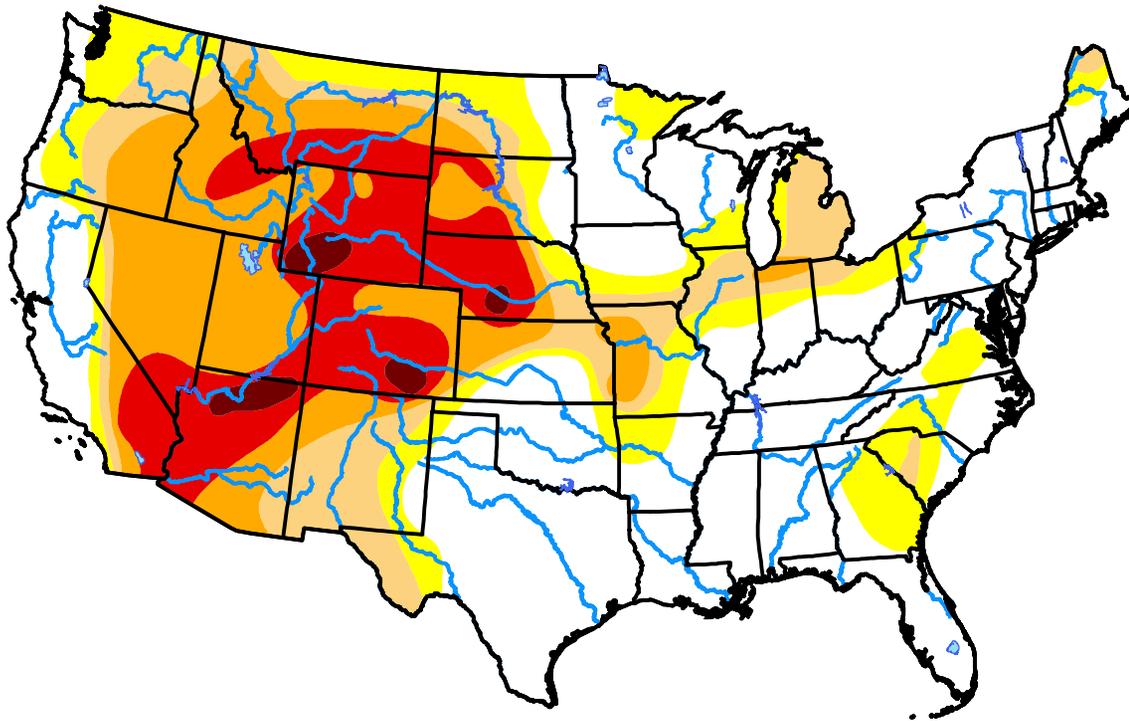


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.42	56.58	42.11	30.66	13.91	1.28
Last Week <i>12-17-2002</i>	42.27	57.72	42.57	30.77	13.90	1.28
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	31.89	68.10	52.72	35.70	18.79	3.29
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>12-25-2001</i>	46.66	53.34	36.36	22.60	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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