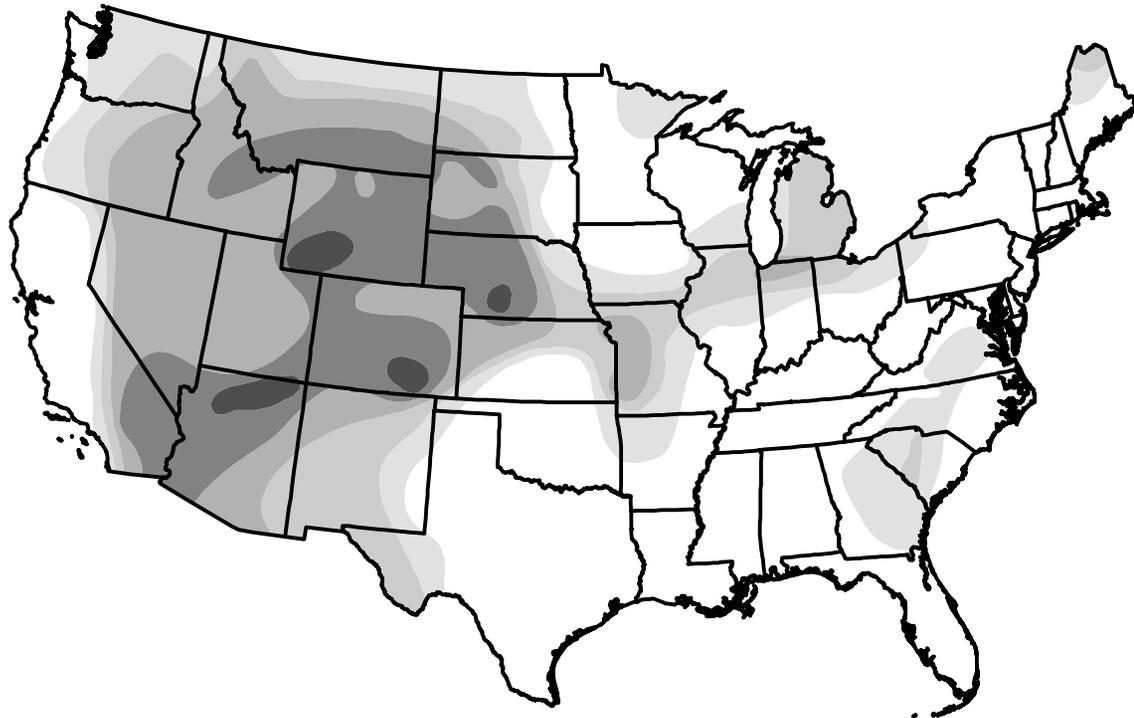


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**December 24, 2002**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	52.58	12.21	9.58	13.99	10.55	1.07
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-17-2002</i>	51.62	12.80	9.86	14.09	10.55	1.07
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-24-2002</i>	43.09	12.86	14.22	14.13	12.94	2.75
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	55.28	14.09	11.65	11.66	7.31	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	40.72	18.67	12.70	12.99	12.28	2.62
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-25-2001</i>	55.38	14.23	11.50	12.10	6.79	0.00

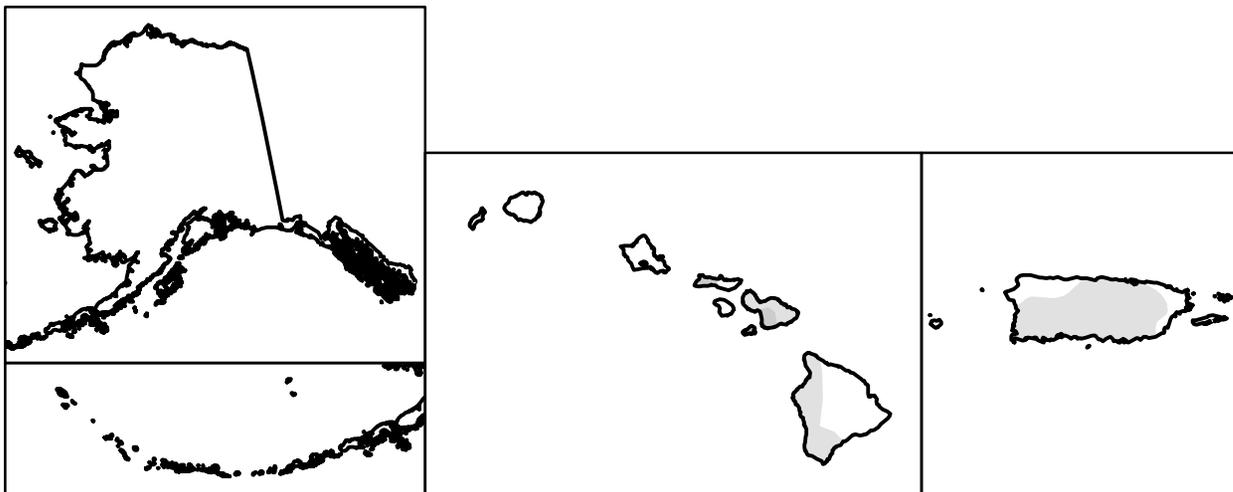
***Intensity:***



*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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