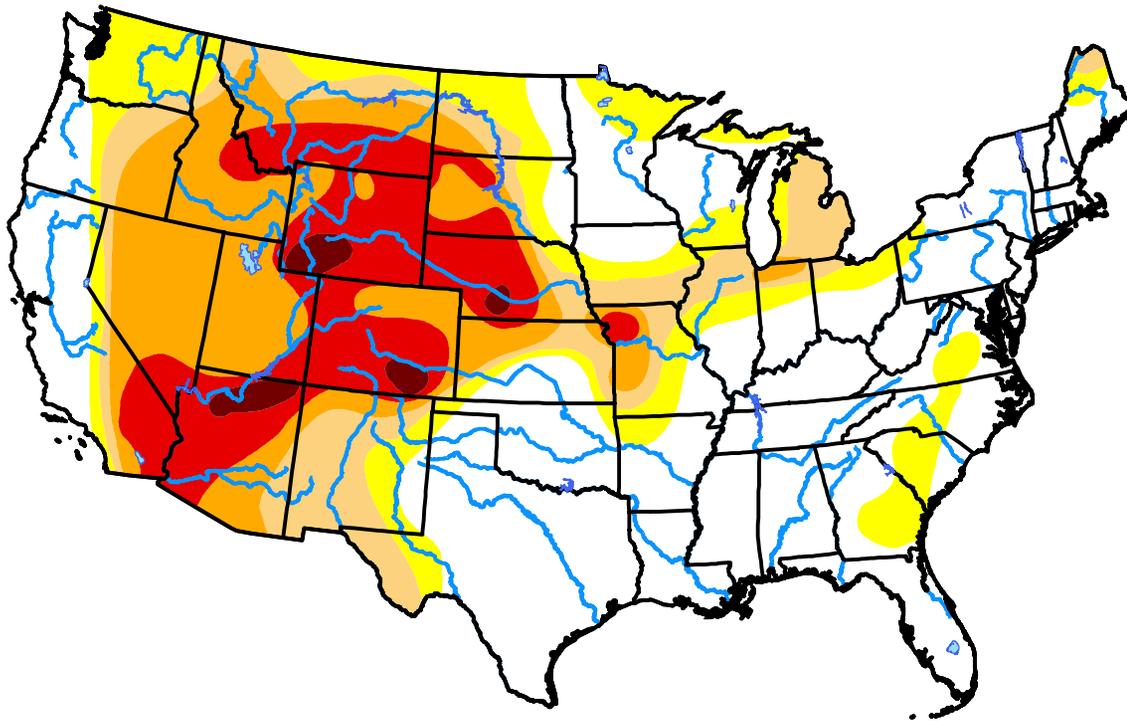


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 31, 2002
 (Released Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003)
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 44.95 | 13.80 | 10.92 | 16.07 | 12.97 | 1.28 |
| Last Week <i>12-24-2002</i> | 43.42 | 14.46 | 11.46 | 16.75 | 12.63 | 1.28 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>10-01-2002</i> | 29.08 | 22.33 | 15.21 | 15.54 | 14.70 | 3.14 |
| 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>01-01-2002</i> | 46.53 | 16.82 | 13.93 | 13.95 | 8.75 | 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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