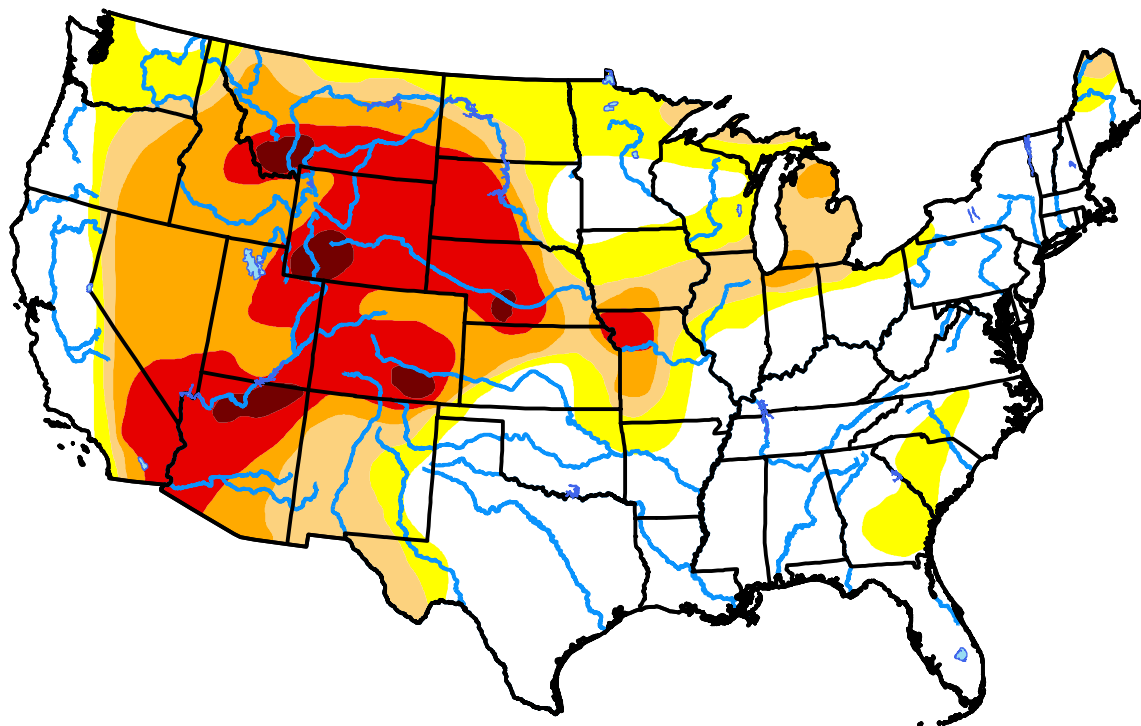


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.38	57.61	42.56	31.21	16.30	1.69
Last Week <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	55.04	41.24	30.33	14.25	1.28
3 Months Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	28.77	71.23	50.20	32.37	16.87	2.09
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	55.04	41.24	30.33	14.25	1.28
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>01-08-2002</i>	45.55	54.44	34.71	20.27	6.31	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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