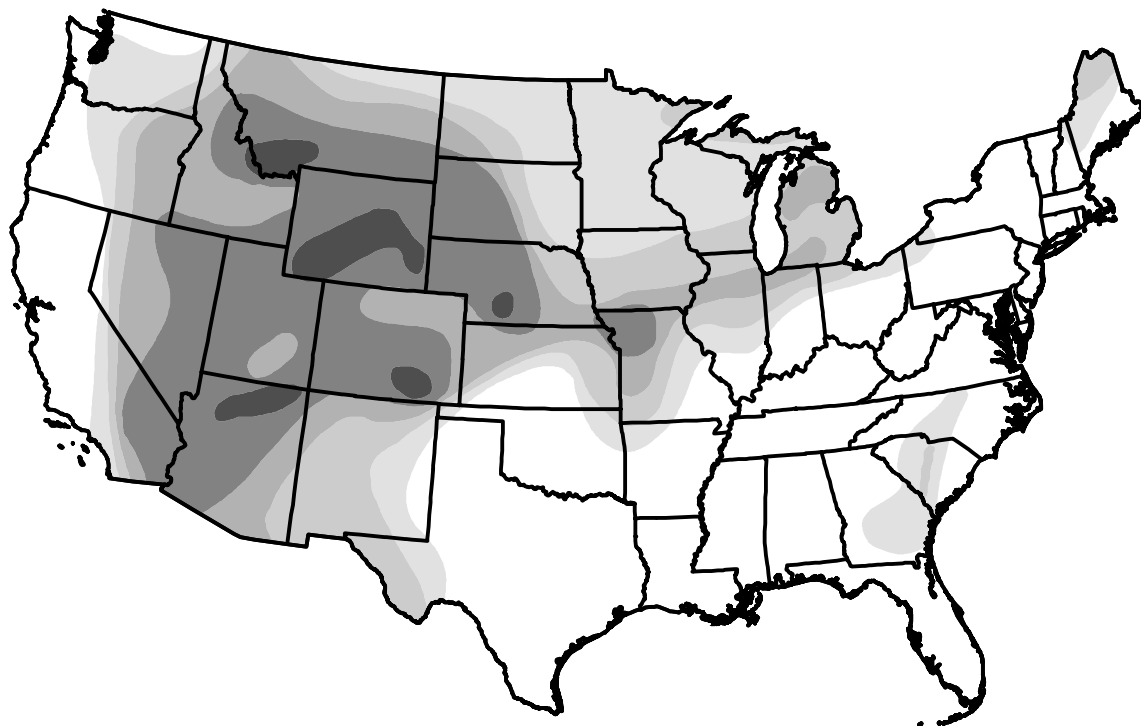


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	39.99	15.72	11.55	12.19	18.18	2.36
Last Week <i>01-14-2003</i>	42.21	13.78	11.83	13.81	15.79	2.58
3 Months Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	35.31	16.23	18.07	14.91	14.13	1.34
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	13.80	10.92	16.07	12.97	1.28
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>01-22-2002</i>	43.57	23.46	15.20	12.12	5.64	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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