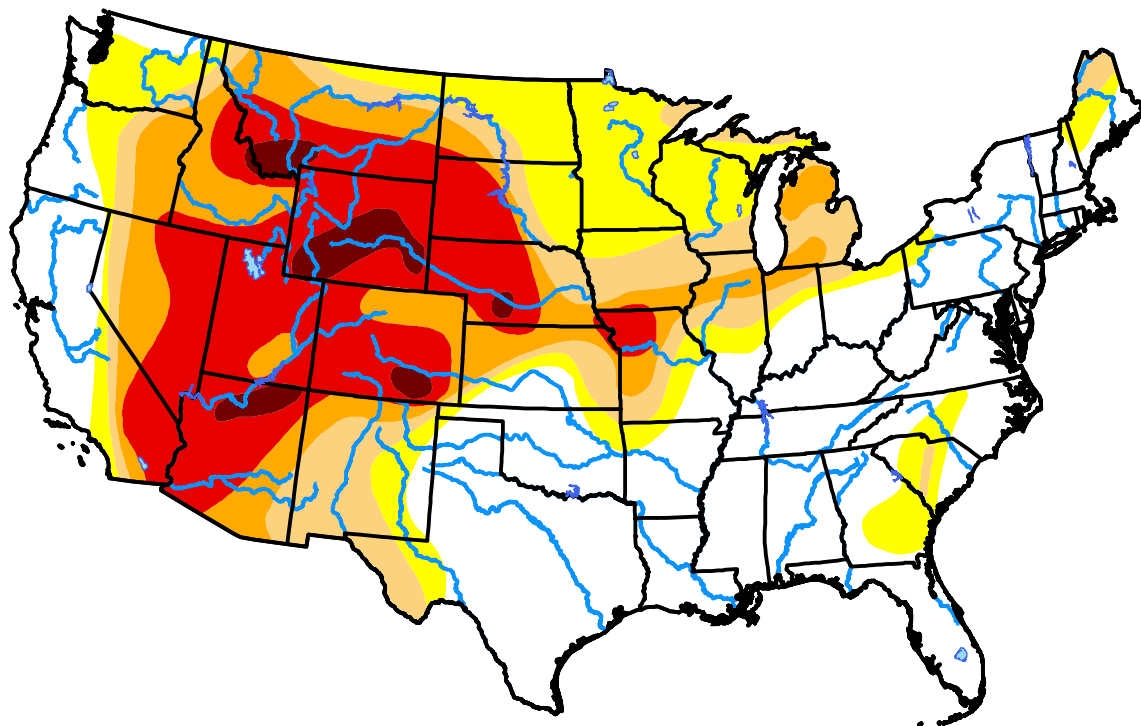


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.99	60.00	44.28	32.73	20.54	2.36
Last Week <i>01-14-2003</i>	42.21	57.78	44.00	32.18	18.36	2.58
3 Months Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	35.31	64.68	48.45	30.38	15.47	1.34
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>01-22-2002</i>	43.57	56.42	32.96	17.76	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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