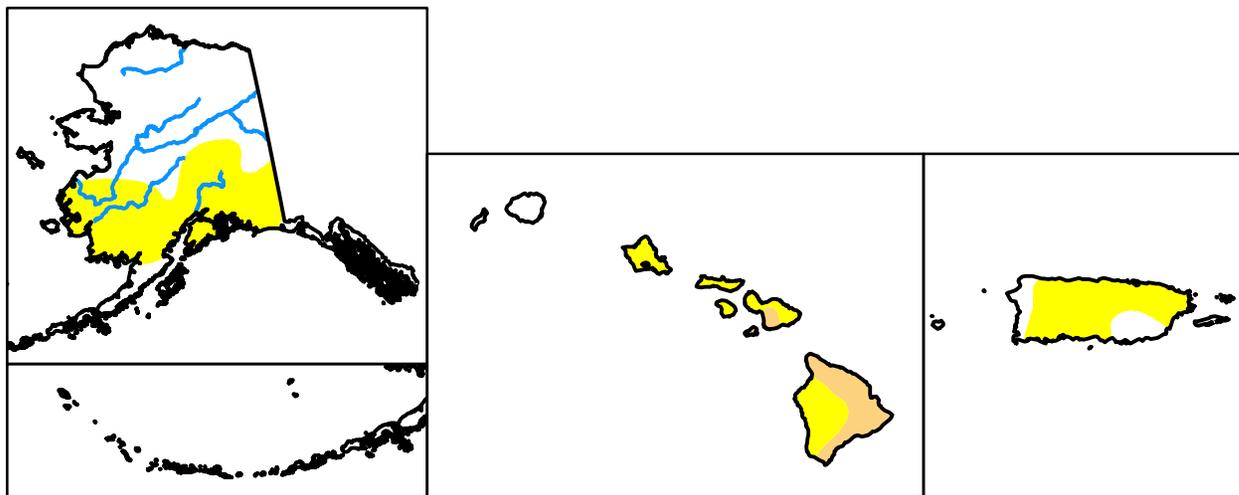
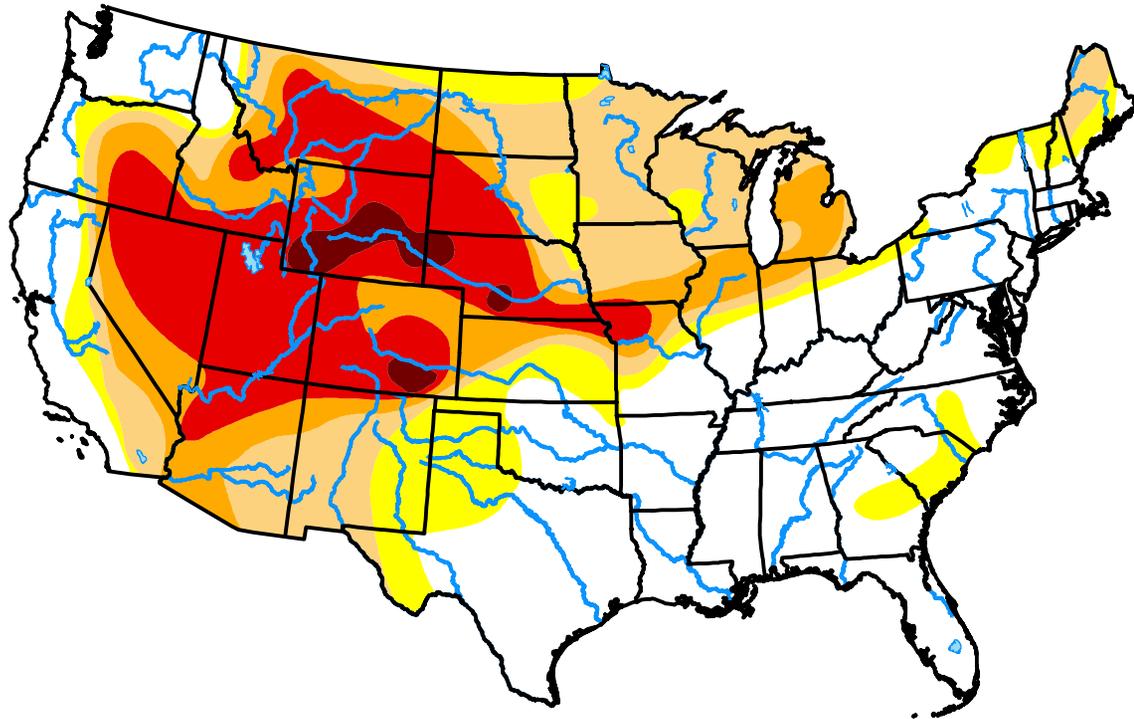


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.14	16.29	14.09	10.44	14.61	1.41
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	45.45	17.09	10.42	10.90	14.72	1.41
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	51.62	12.80	9.86	14.09	10.55	1.07
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	53.87	11.66	9.13	13.43	10.84	1.07
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	40.72	18.67	12.70	12.99	12.28	2.62
One Year Ago <i>03-19-2002</i>	42.54	23.37	17.30	11.25	5.53	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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