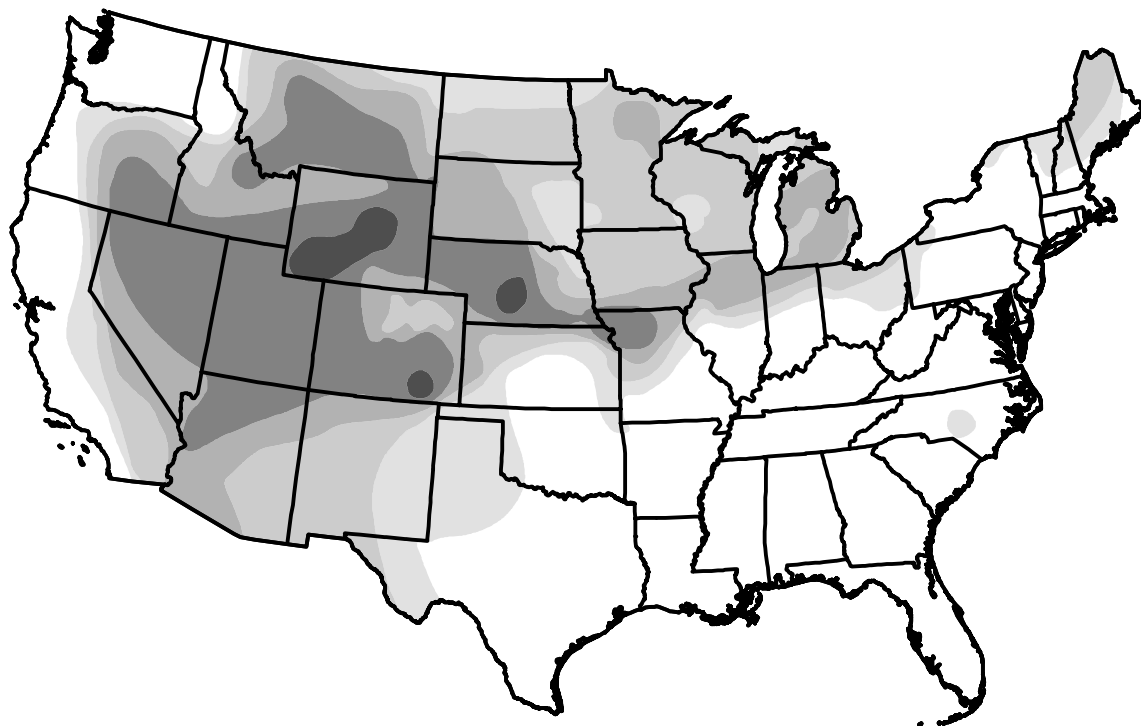


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**March 25, 2003**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 40.81 | 11.25 | 17.11 | 13.71 | 15.88 | 1.22 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-18-2003</i>              | 39.33 | 12.20 | 16.78 | 12.50 | 17.49 | 1.69 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-24-2002</i>           | 43.42 | 14.46 | 11.46 | 16.75 | 12.63 | 1.28 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 44.95 | 13.80 | 10.92 | 16.07 | 12.97 | 1.28 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 29.08 | 22.33 | 15.21 | 15.54 | 14.70 | 3.14 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-26-2002</i>           | 34.38 | 24.13 | 18.11 | 16.94 | 6.42  | 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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