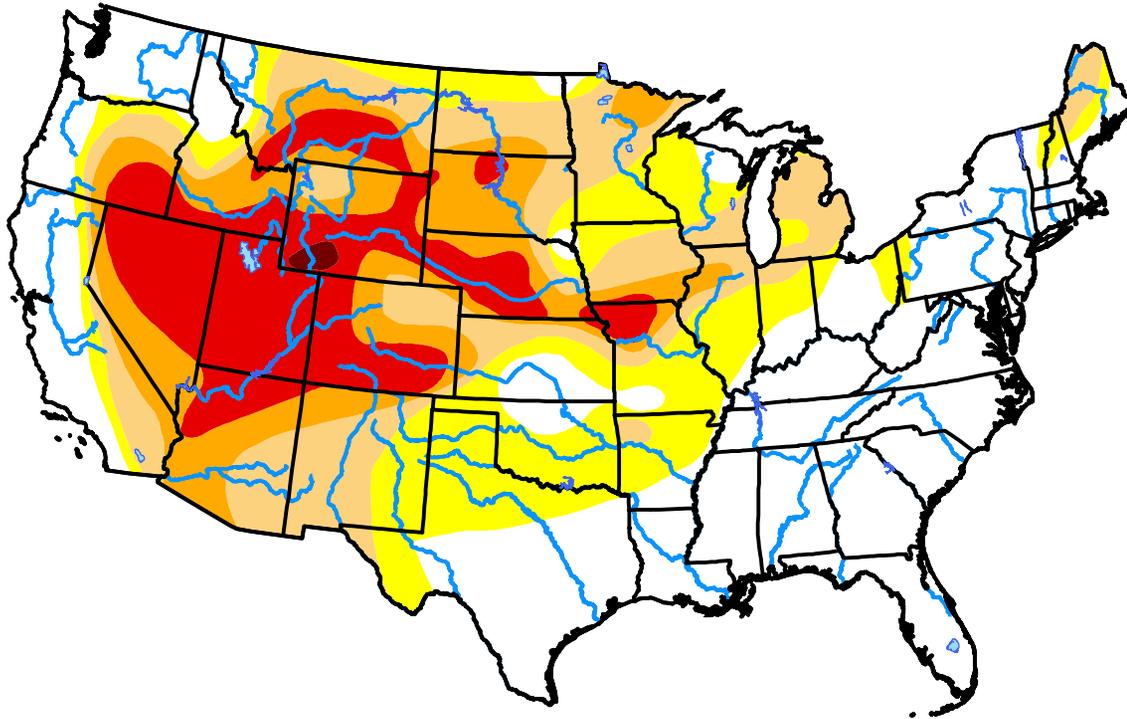


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.79	17.87	16.08	12.77	14.25	0.23
Last Week <i>04-08-2003</i>	41.98	15.19	15.64	12.39	14.52	0.26
3 Months Ago <i>01-14-2003</i>	42.21	13.78	11.83	13.81	15.79	2.58
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>04-16-2002</i>	39.49	17.29	15.78	20.68	6.75	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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