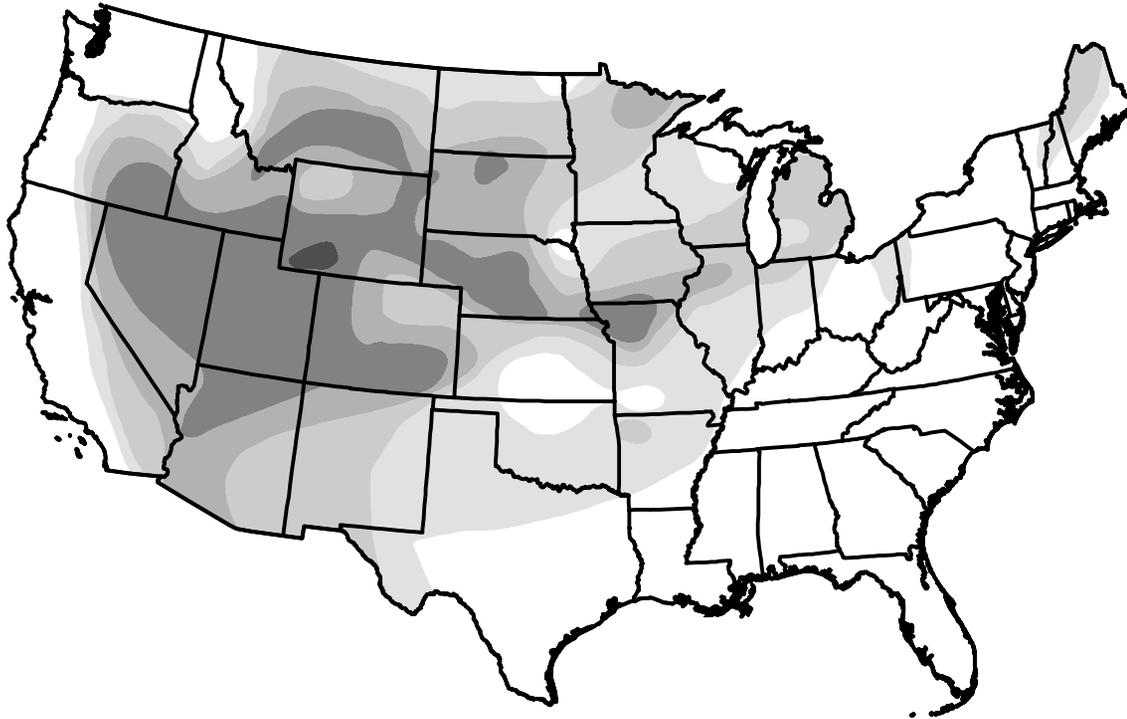


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.79	61.20	43.33	27.24	14.48	0.23
Last Week <i>04-08-2003</i>	41.98	58.01	42.82	27.18	14.79	0.26
3 Months Ago <i>01-14-2003</i>	42.21	57.78	44.00	32.18	18.36	2.58
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>04-16-2002</i>	39.49	60.50	43.21	27.43	6.75	0.00

Intensity:



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