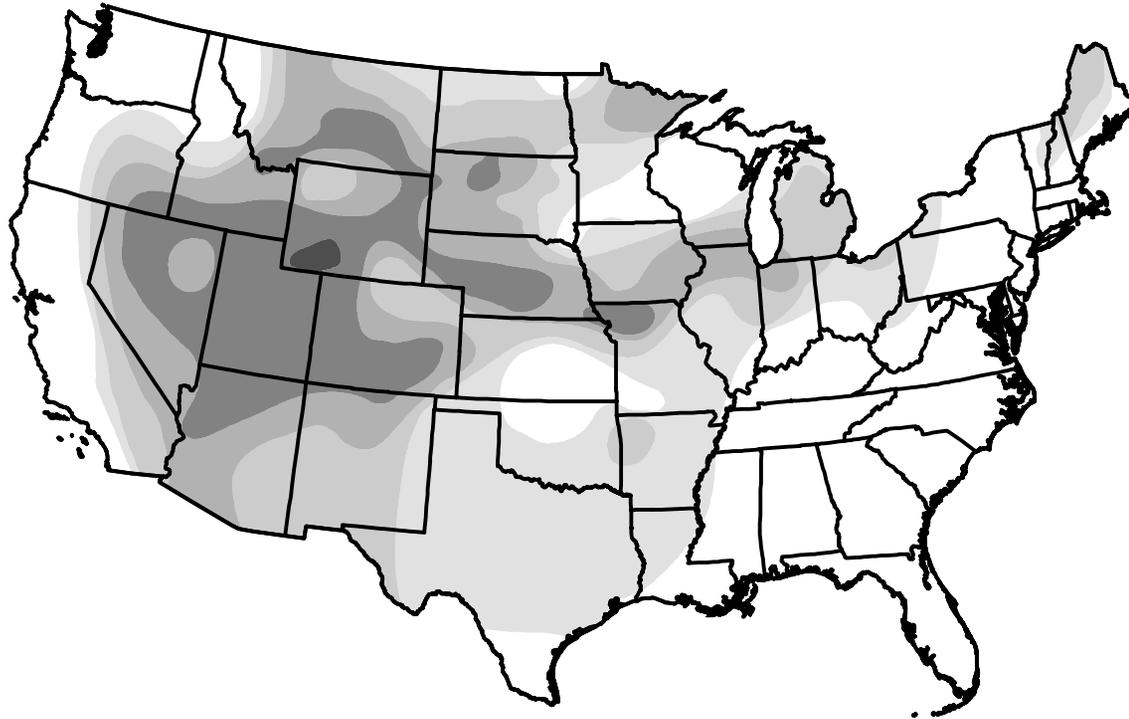


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**April 29, 2003**  
 (Released Thursday, May. 1, 2003)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 34.63 | 21.69 | 15.39 | 15.26 | 12.77 | 0.26 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-22-2003</i>              | 40.80 | 16.36 | 15.63 | 12.86 | 14.09 | 0.26 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-28-2003</i>           | 38.89 | 16.70 | 11.50 | 12.03 | 18.36 | 2.50 |
| <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>04-30-2002</i>           | 38.73 | 18.37 | 11.91 | 19.04 | 11.67 | 0.28 |

*Intensity:*



*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>*

*Author:*

Michael Hayes  
 National Drought Mitigation Center



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**