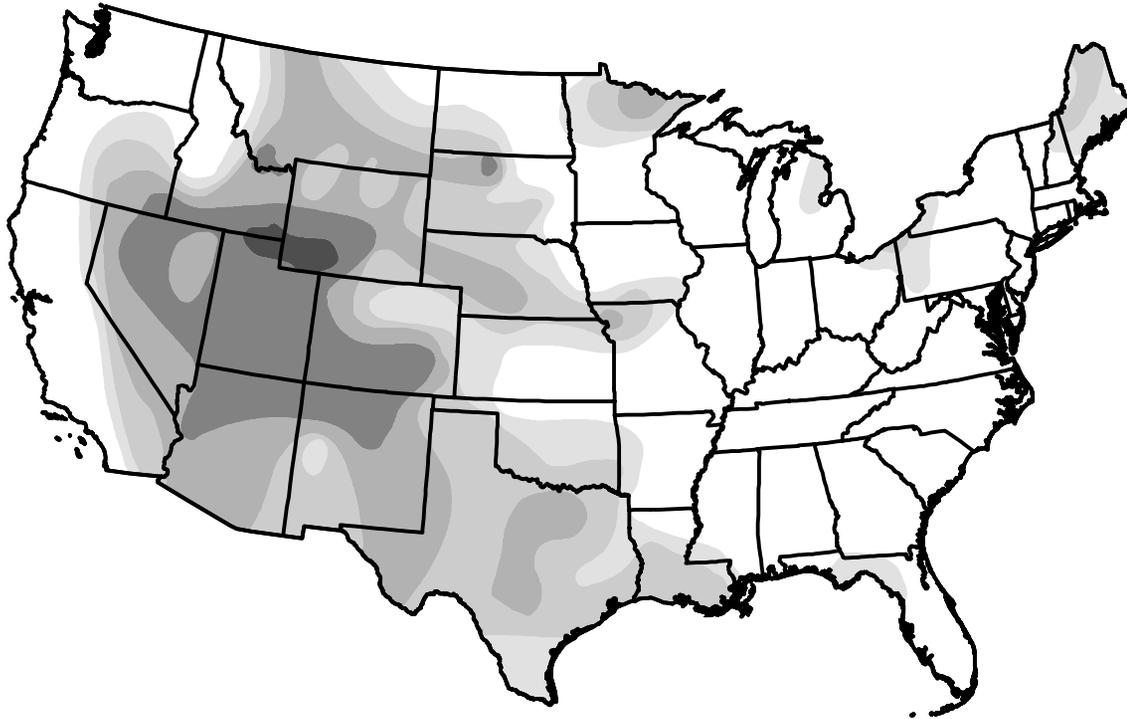


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	45.97	54.02	42.67	25.49	10.15	0.60
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-13-2003</i>	43.77	56.22	41.91	21.23	10.37	0.62
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-18-2003</i>	38.14	61.85	44.26	31.92	20.11	2.09
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	55.04	41.24	30.33	14.25	1.28
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.08	70.92	48.59	33.38	17.84	3.14
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-21-2002</i>	40.43	59.56	44.33	30.40	16.87	0.61

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>*

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