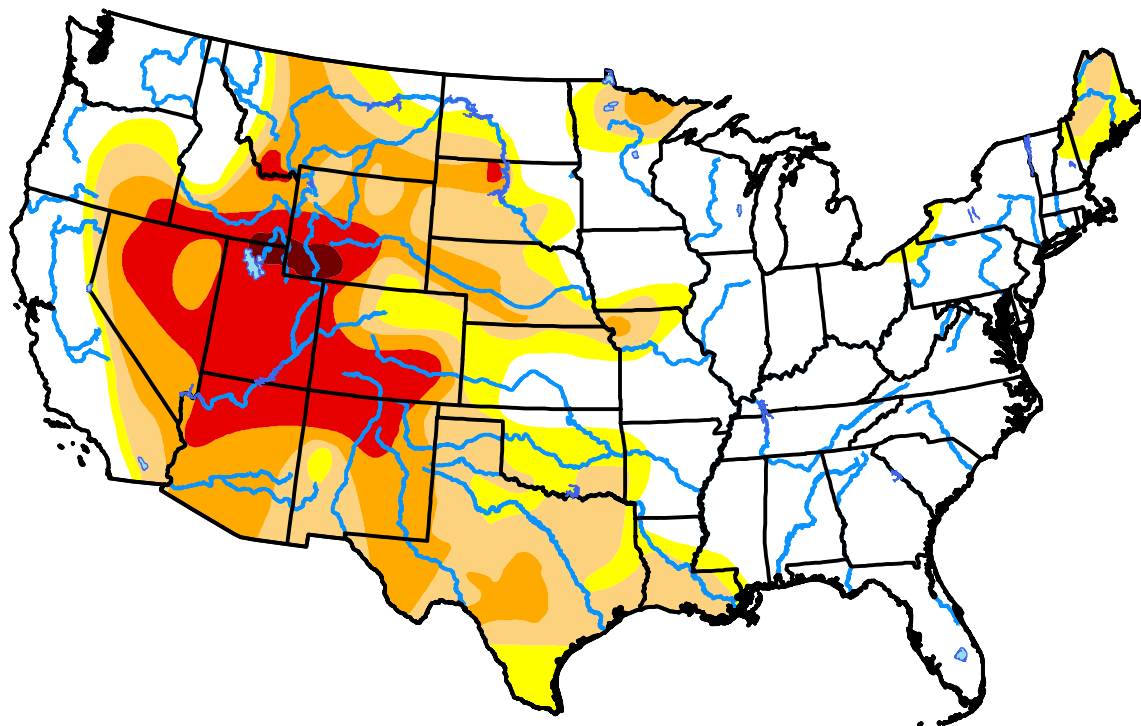


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**May 27, 2003**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 46.91 | 53.08 | 41.97 | 24.58 | 10.24 | 0.60 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-20-2003</i>              | 45.97 | 54.02 | 42.67 | 25.49 | 10.15 | 0.60 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-25-2003</i>           | 39.15 | 60.85 | 43.43 | 32.48 | 19.92 | 2.08 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 44.95 | 55.04 | 41.24 | 30.33 | 14.25 | 1.28 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 29.08 | 70.92 | 48.59 | 33.38 | 17.84 | 3.14 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-28-2002</i>           | 37.91 | 62.09 | 44.53 | 30.92 | 17.62 | 2.73 |

### 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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