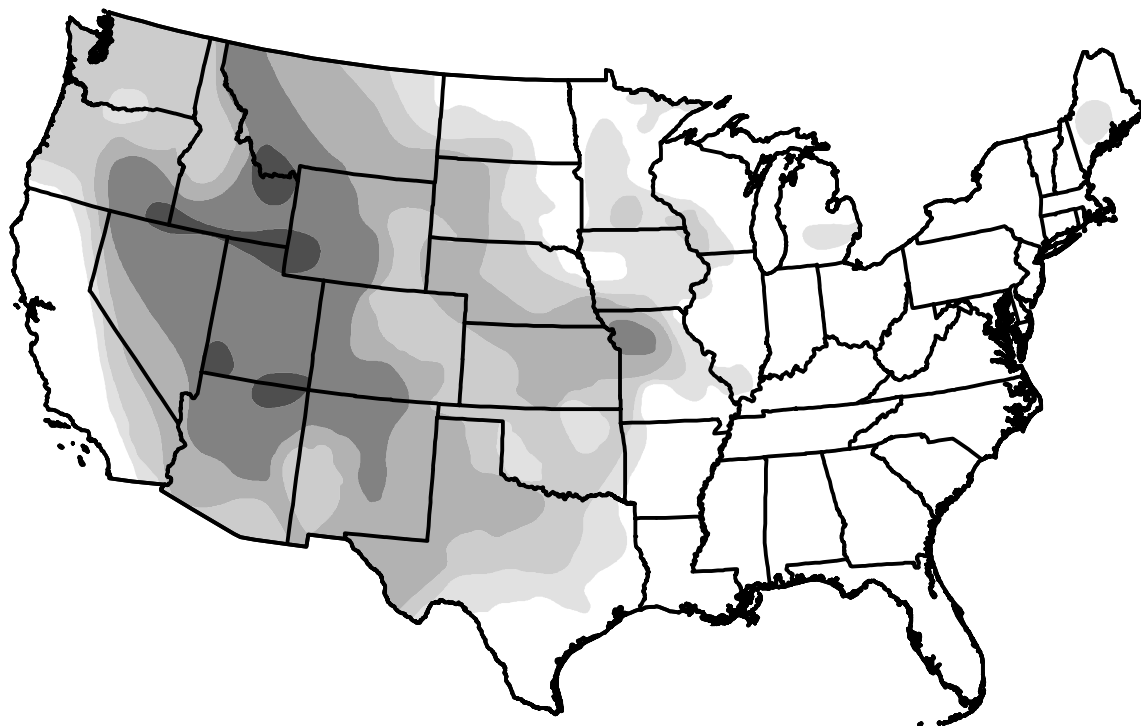


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.13	58.86	48.86	32.47	15.35	1.95
Last Week <i>08-05-2003</i>	42.77	57.22	48.05	30.07	14.93	1.98
3 Months Ago <i>05-13-2003</i>	43.77	56.22	41.91	21.23	10.37	0.62
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>08-13-2002</i>	31.45	68.54	50.50	35.35	23.42	7.45

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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