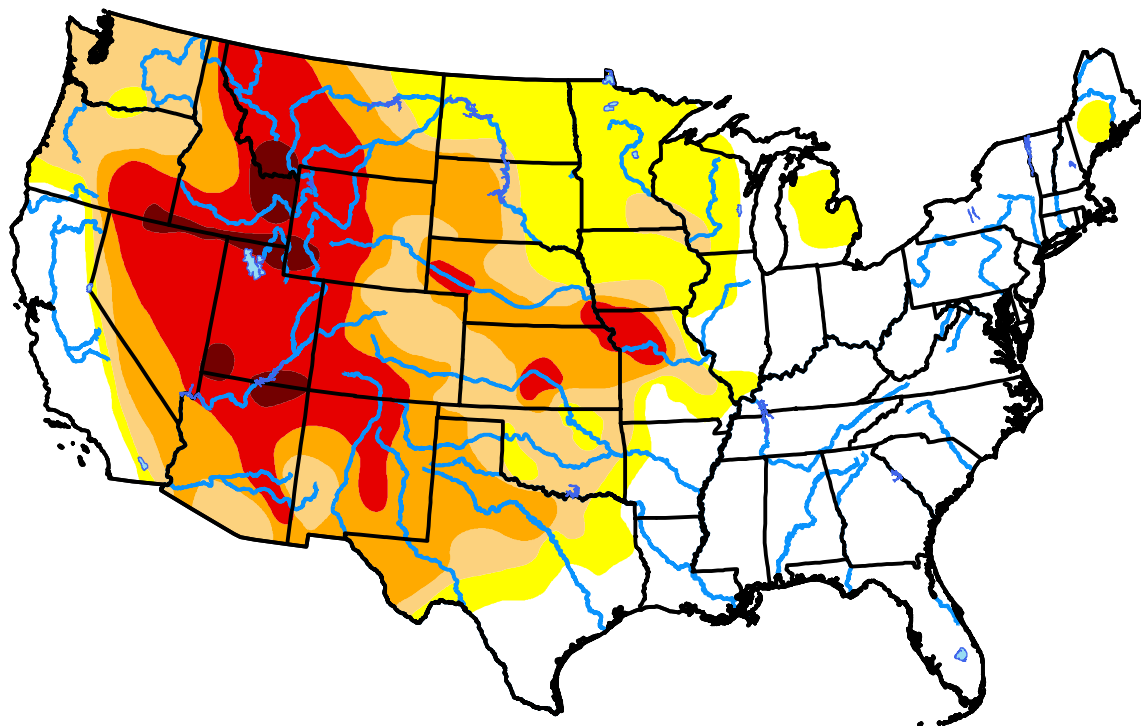


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.22	15.26	15.41	16.72	15.26	2.12
Last Week <i>08-12-2003</i>	41.13	10.00	16.38	17.13	13.40	1.95
3 Months Ago <i>05-20-2003</i>	45.97	11.36	17.18	15.34	9.55	0.60
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	13.80	10.92	16.07	12.97	1.28
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.08	22.33	15.21	15.54	14.70	3.14
One Year Ago <i>08-20-2002</i>	35.09	15.85	13.94	11.40	15.86	7.85

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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