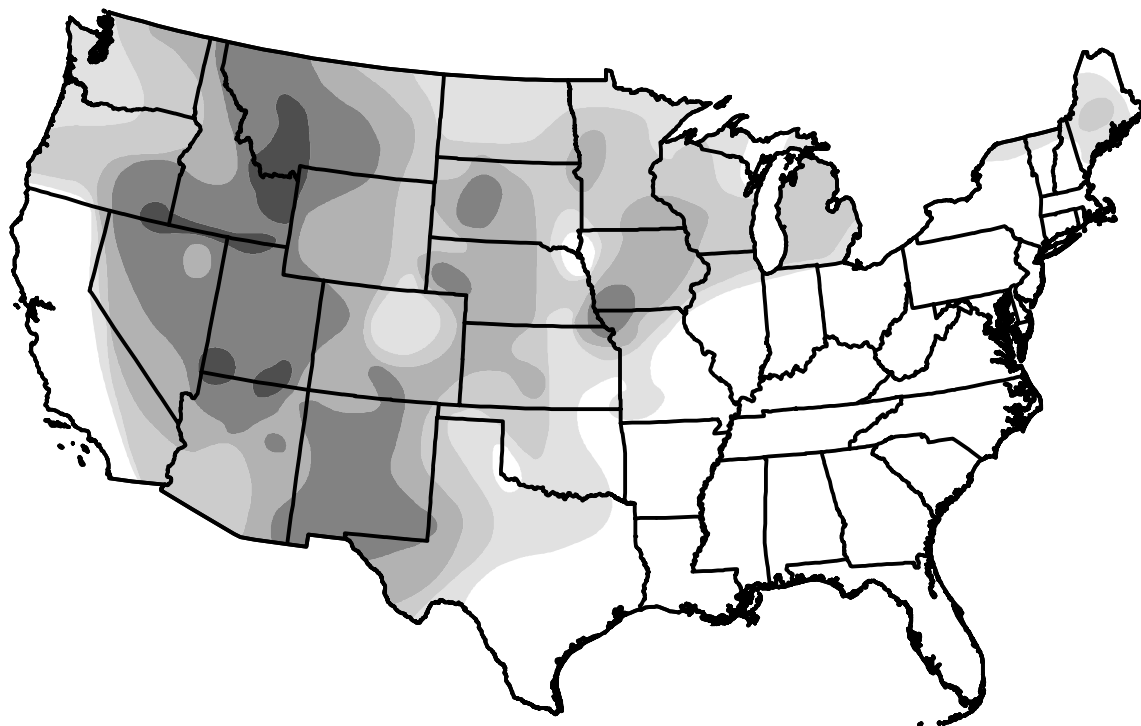


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.14	12.58	16.46	16.95	14.79	2.07
Last Week <i>09-16-2003</i>	37.61	12.12	15.82	17.26	14.99	2.19
3 Months Ago <i>06-24-2003</i>	48.66	16.38	12.87	11.37	9.83	0.88
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>09-24-2002</i>	31.89	15.38	17.02	16.91	15.49	3.29

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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