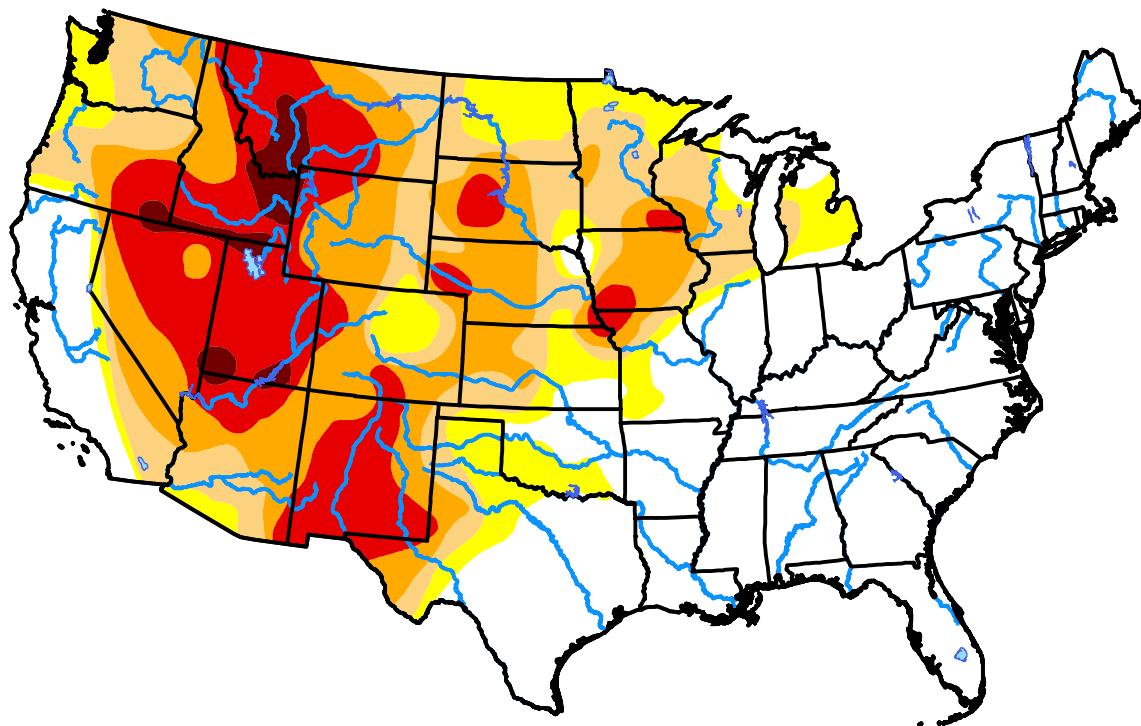


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.00	58.99	48.34	33.60	16.75	2.07
Last Week <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	61.42	48.37	33.11	16.87	2.09
3 Months Ago <i>07-08-2003</i>	53.26	46.74	29.54	22.25	11.46	0.81
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>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	61.42	48.37	33.11	16.87	2.09
One Year Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	28.77	71.23	50.20	32.37	16.87	2.09

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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