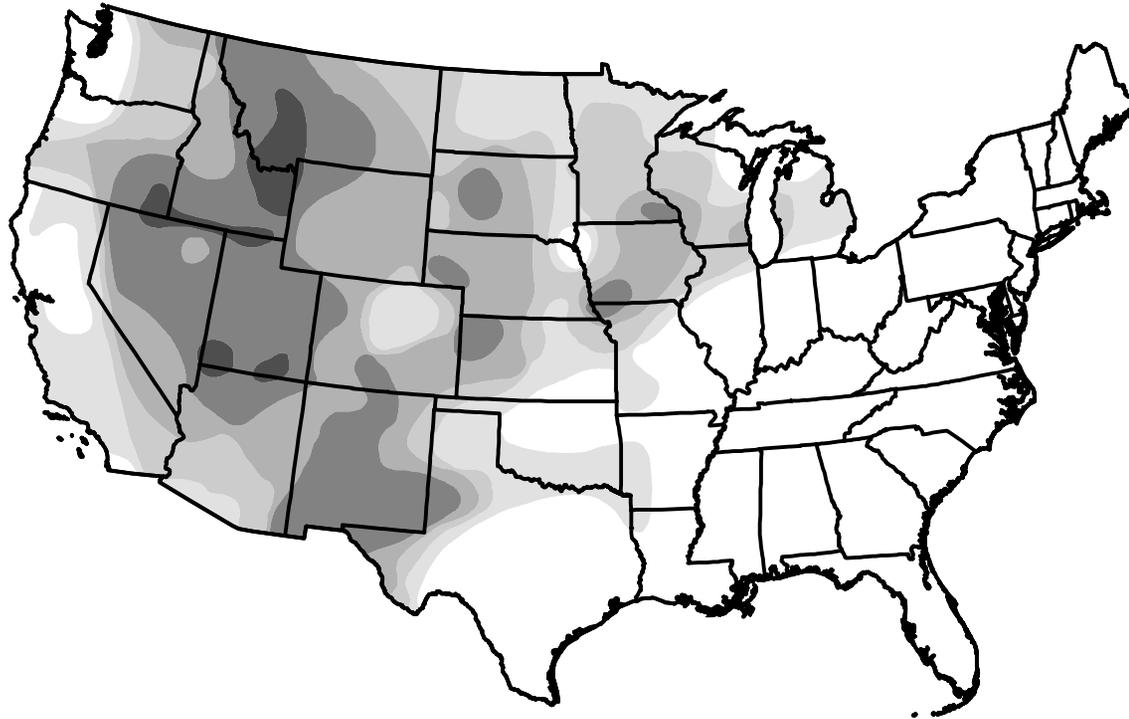


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.06	59.93	46.50	34.12	17.52	2.04
Last Week <i>10-07-2003</i>	41.00	58.99	48.34	33.60	16.75	2.07
3 Months Ago <i>07-15-2003</i>	46.27	53.72	31.88	23.75	12.51	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>10-15-2002</i>	32.30	67.69	49.81	31.25	15.86	1.34

Intensity:



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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