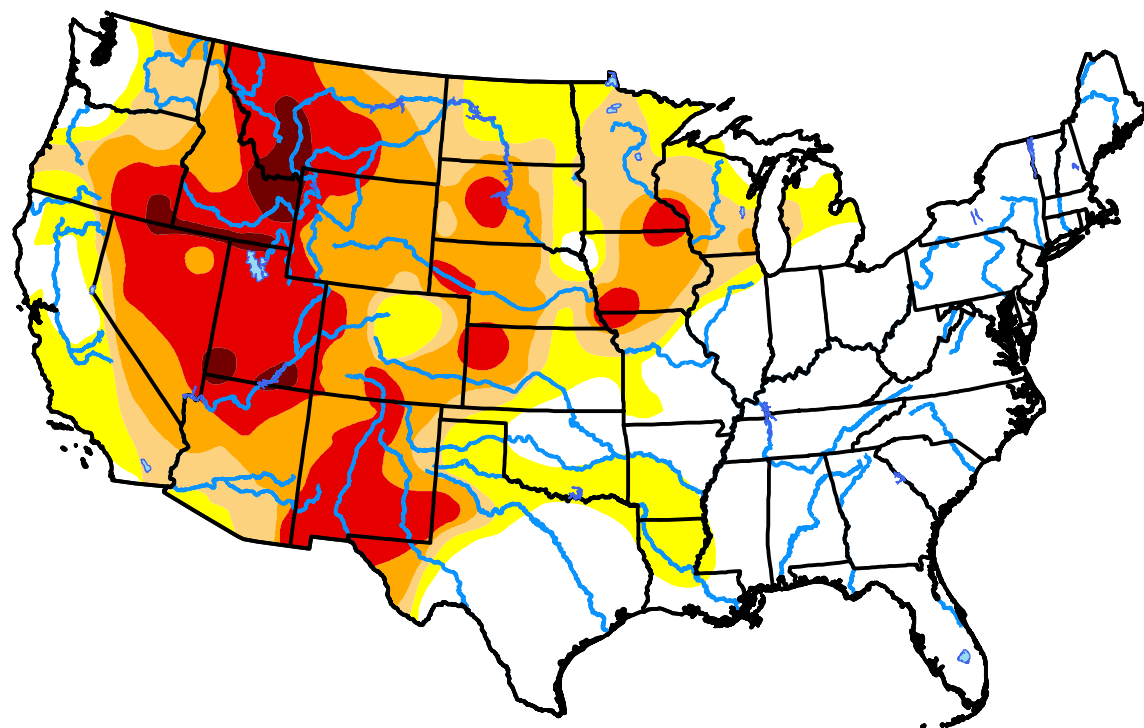


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	38.89	14.49	12.06	17.28	15.24	2.04
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	40.06	13.43	12.38	16.60	15.48	2.04
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	46.13	15.53	12.29	11.20	13.18	1.66
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>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	13.05	15.26	16.24	14.78	2.09
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	35.31	16.23	18.07	14.91	14.13	1.34

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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