

U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

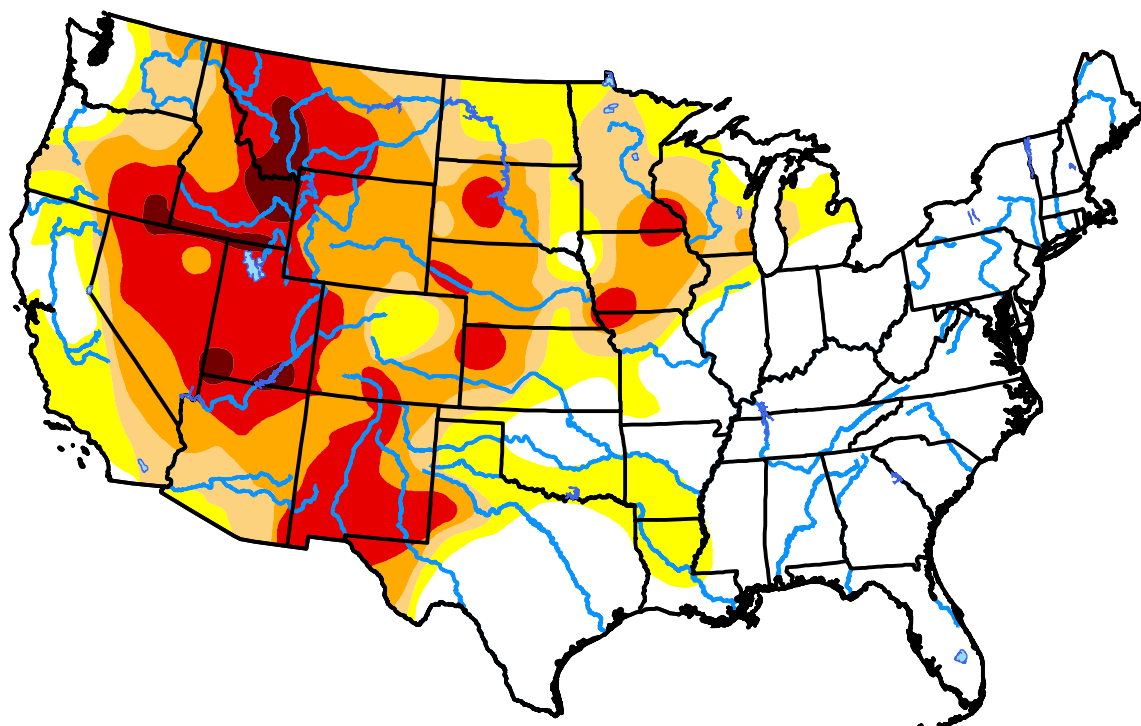
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	38.89	61.10	46.61	34.55	17.28	2.04
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	40.06	59.93	46.50	34.12	17.52	2.04
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	46.13	53.86	38.33	26.04	14.84	1.66
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>10-22-2002</i>	35.31	64.68	48.45	30.38	15.47	1.34



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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