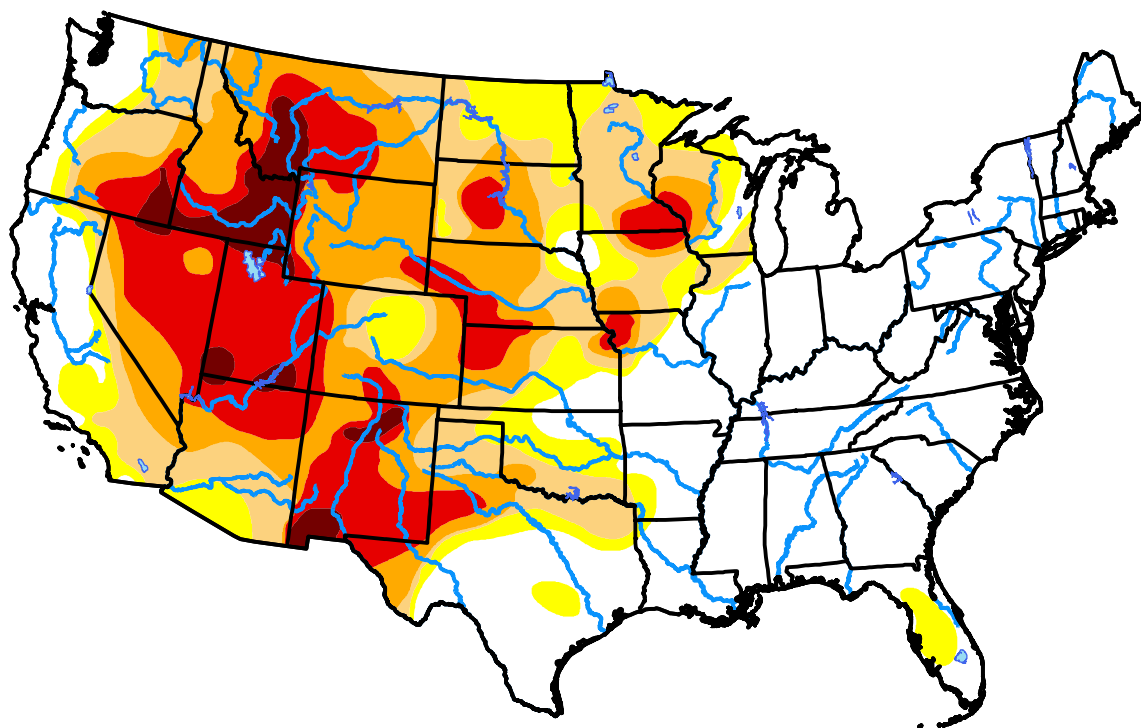


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	41.41	58.59	47.88	33.75	17.18	3.30
Last Week <i>12-02-2003</i>	42.03	57.96	47.75	33.57	17.27	3.35
3 Months Ago <i>09-09-2003</i>	35.34	64.65	54.27	37.67	18.06	2.21
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>12-10-2002</i>	38.62	61.37	43.77	30.76	13.66	1.26

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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