

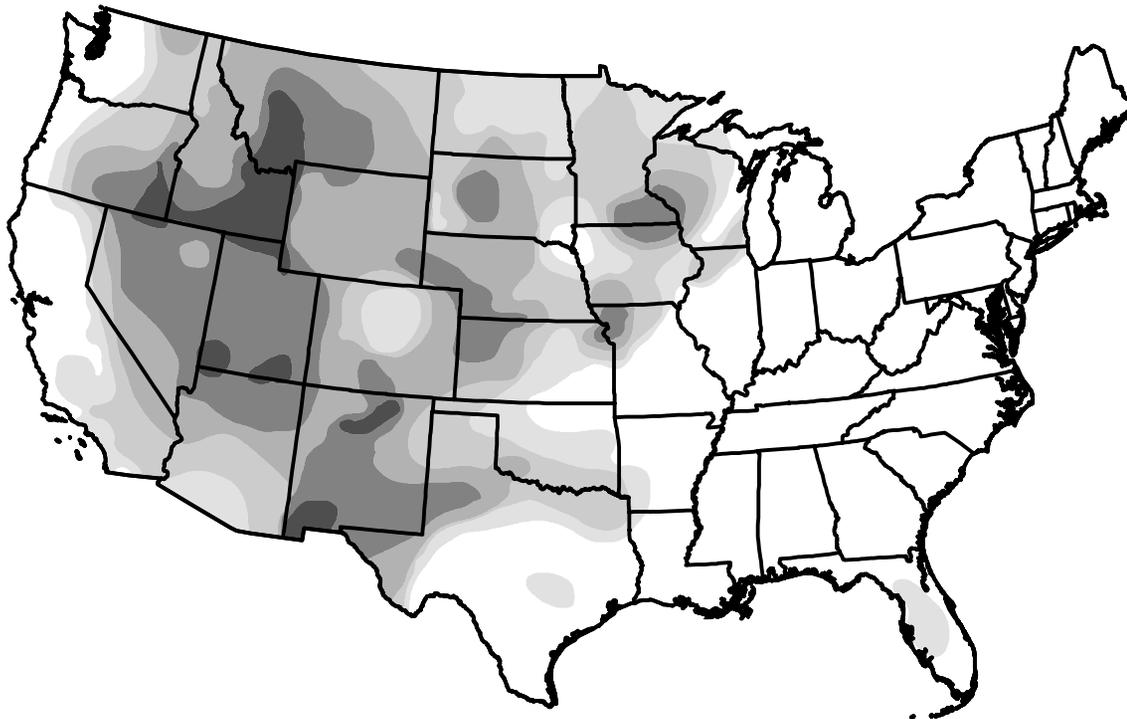
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 9, 2003**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	41.41	58.59	47.88	33.75	17.18	3.30
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-02-2003</i>	42.03	57.96	47.75	33.57	17.27	3.35
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-09-2003</i>	35.34	64.65	54.27	37.67	18.06	2.21
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	55.04	41.24	30.33	14.25	1.28
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	61.42	48.37	33.11	16.87	2.09
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-10-2002</i>	38.62	61.37	43.77	30.76	13.66	1.26



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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