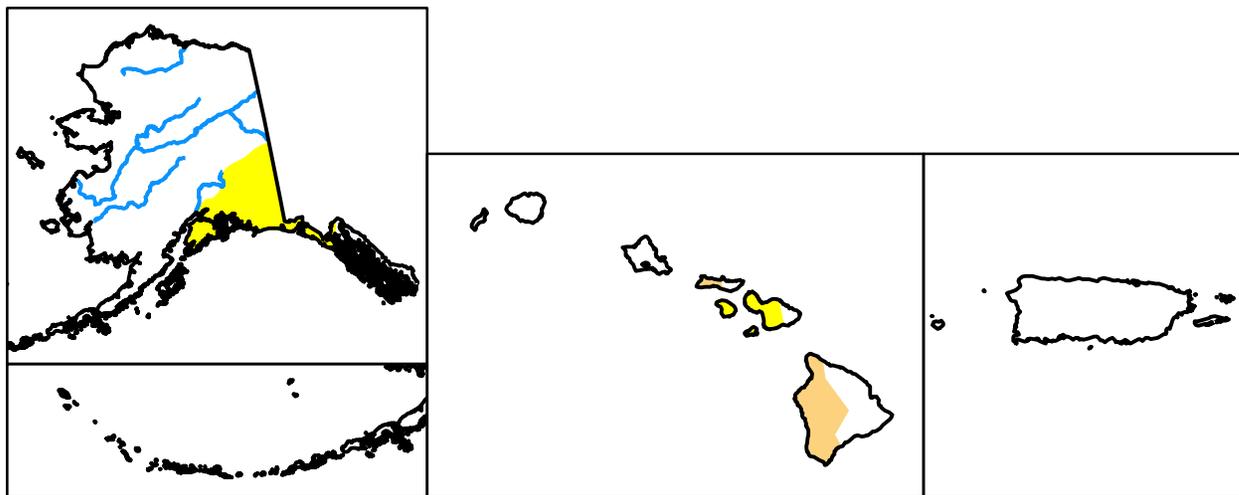
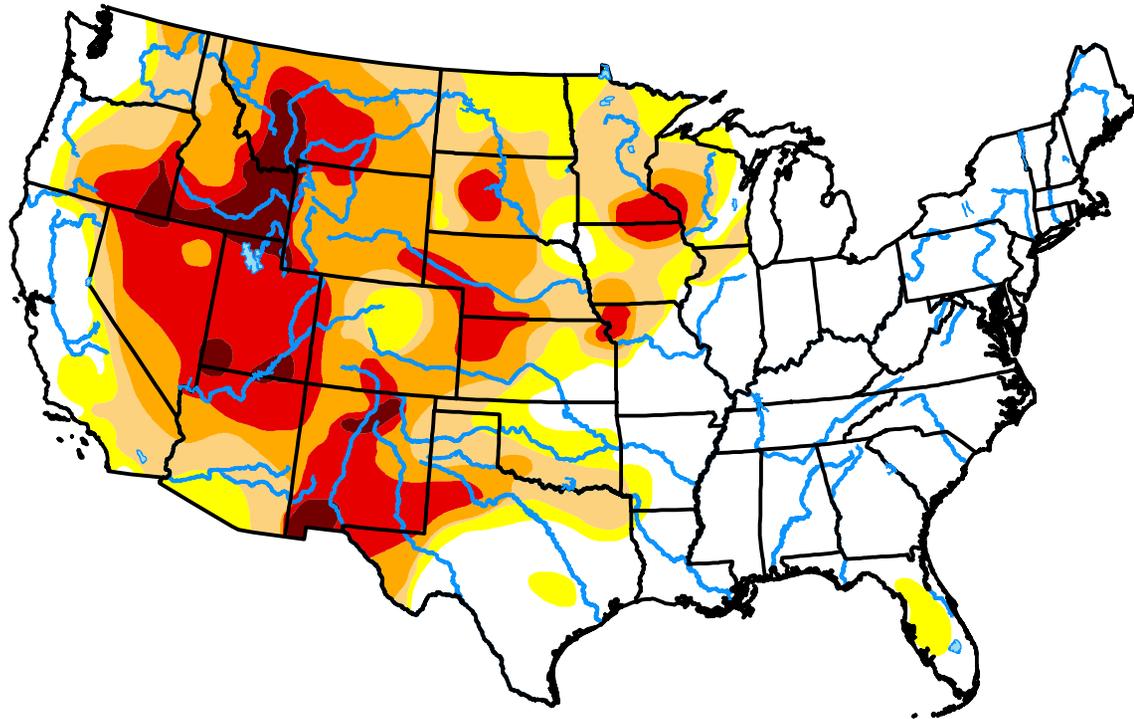


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	48.76	51.23	40.07	28.20	14.36	2.76
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-02-2003</i>	49.28	50.70	39.96	28.10	14.43	2.80
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-09-2003</i>	45.43	54.55	45.44	31.53	15.09	1.85
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	53.87	46.12	34.46	25.33	11.91	1.07
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	51.93	40.51	27.73	14.10	1.75
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-10-2002</i>	48.59	51.39	36.59	25.70	11.41	1.05

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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