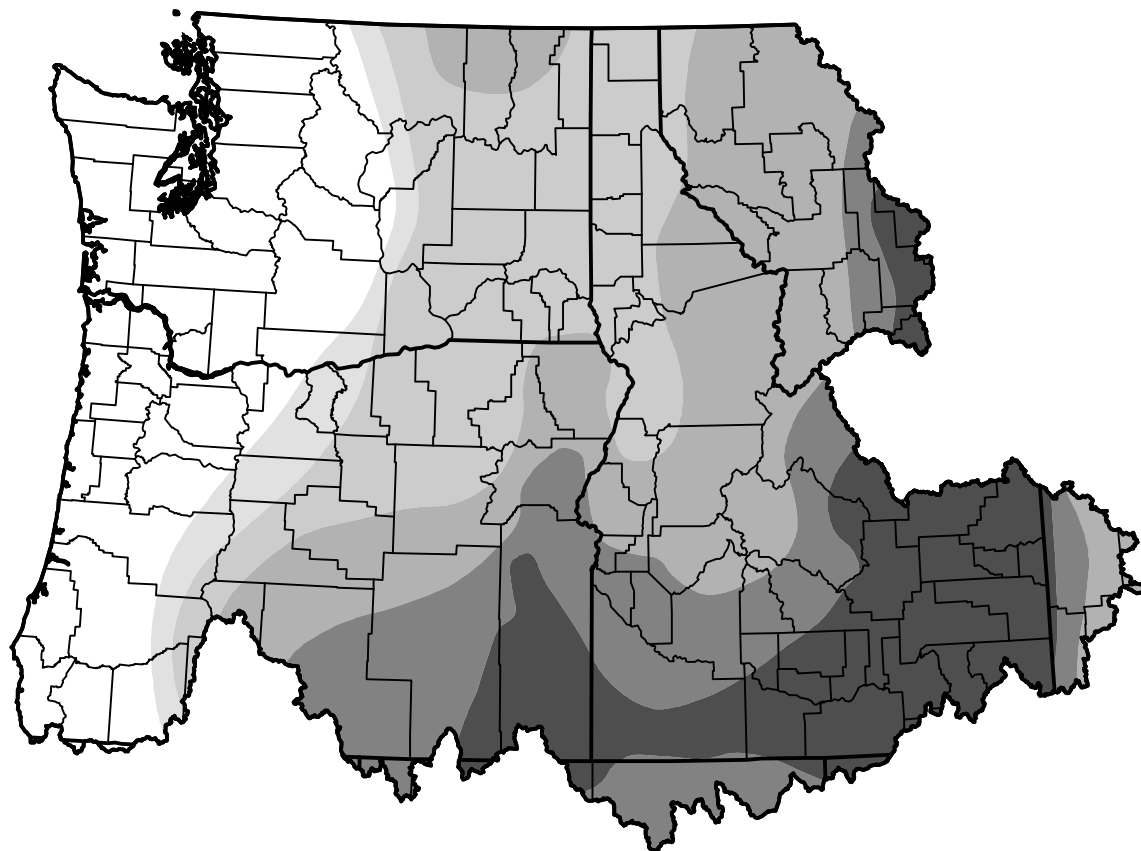


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Pacific Northwest Watershed

**December 16, 2003**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 23.27 | 76.73 | 72.63 | 52.85 | 30.66 | 15.33 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-11-2003              | 20.21 | 79.79 | 73.97 | 55.11 | 29.01 | 14.84 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-18-2003           | 0.51  | 99.49 | 82.71 | 55.94 | 40.12 | 9.46  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-02-2003 | 14.88 | 85.12 | 59.77 | 46.01 | 3.89  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-02-2003    | 0.56  | 99.44 | 82.72 | 55.88 | 40.34 | 8.78  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-19-2002           | 7.70  | 92.30 | 69.35 | 49.75 | 5.05  | 0.00  |

### 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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