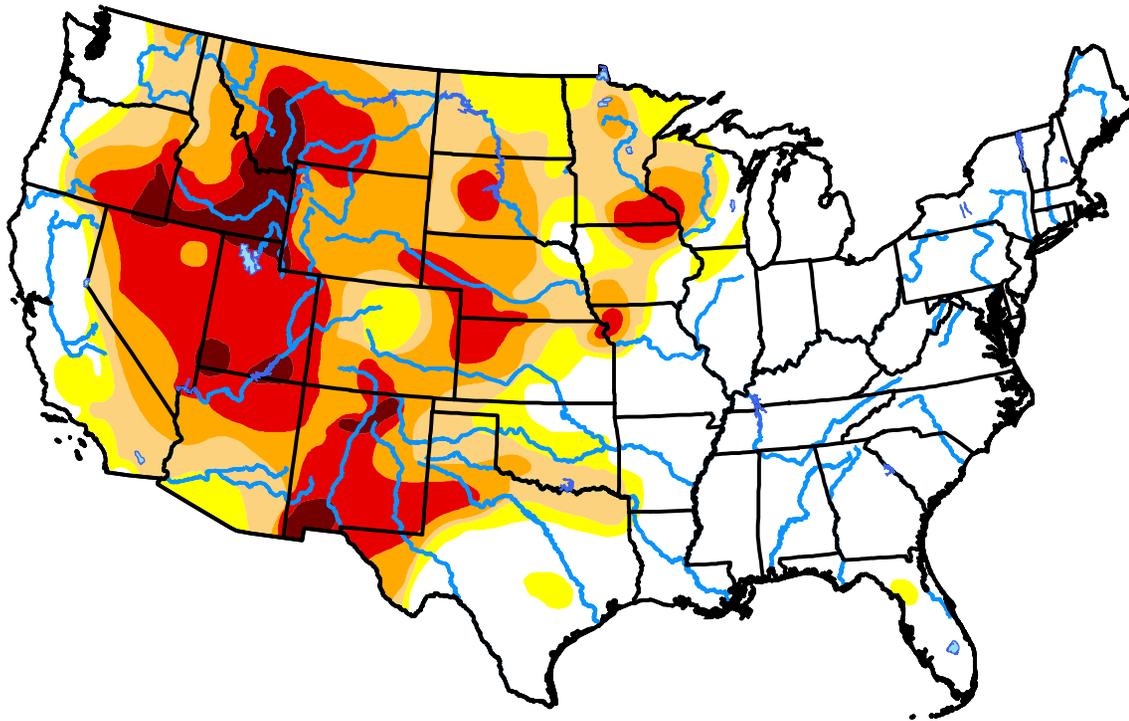


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.41	9.05	13.58	16.39	14.19	3.37
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	41.41	10.70	14.13	16.57	13.88	3.30
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	37.61	12.12	15.82	17.26	14.99	2.19
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	13.80	10.92	16.07	12.97	1.28
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	13.05	15.26	16.24	14.78	2.09
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	42.27	15.15	11.80	16.86	12.63	1.28

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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