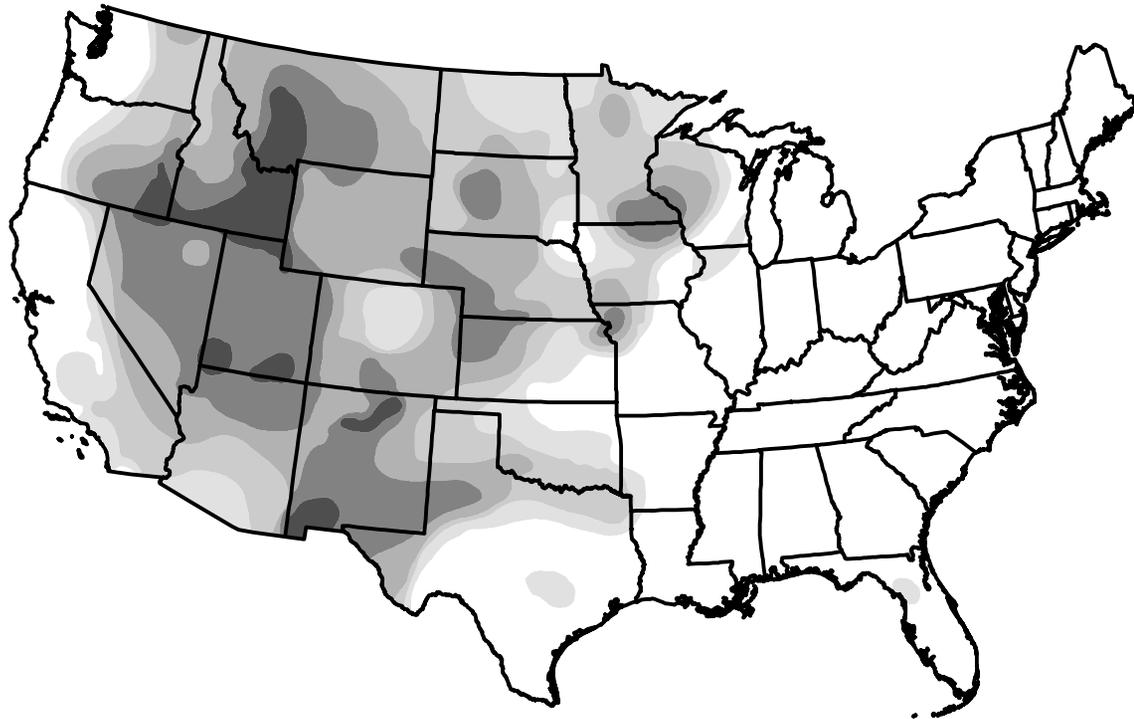


U.S. Drought Monitor

U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	50.80	9.42	11.41	13.69	11.85	2.82
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	48.76	11.16	11.87	13.84	11.60	2.76
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	47.29	10.61	13.25	14.48	12.52	1.83
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	53.87	11.66	9.13	13.43	10.84	1.07
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	11.42	12.78	13.63	12.35	1.75
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	51.62	12.80	9.86	14.09	10.55	1.07

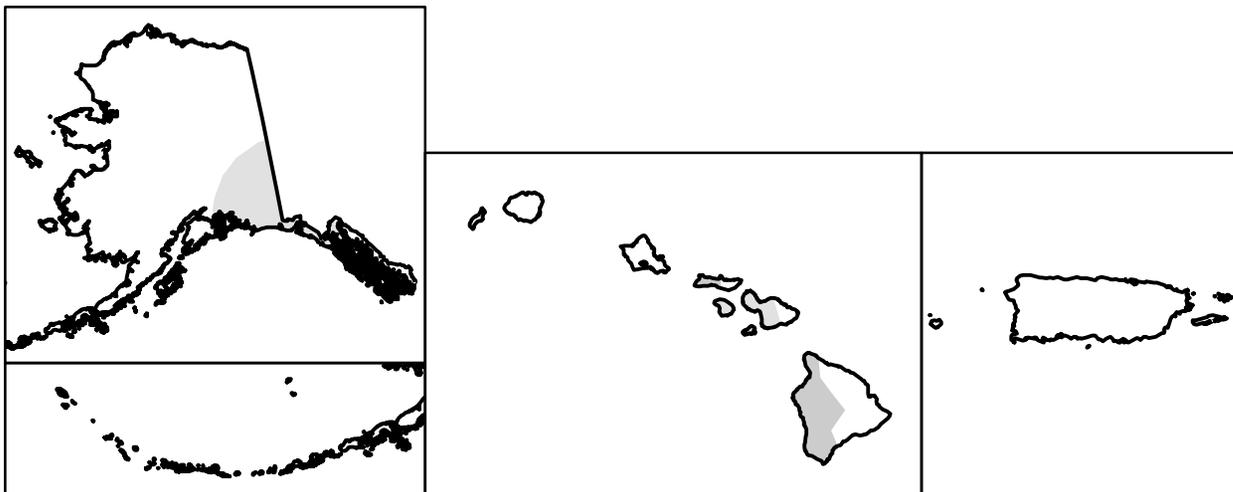
Intensity:



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>

Author:

David Miskus
 NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC



droughtmonitor.unl.edu