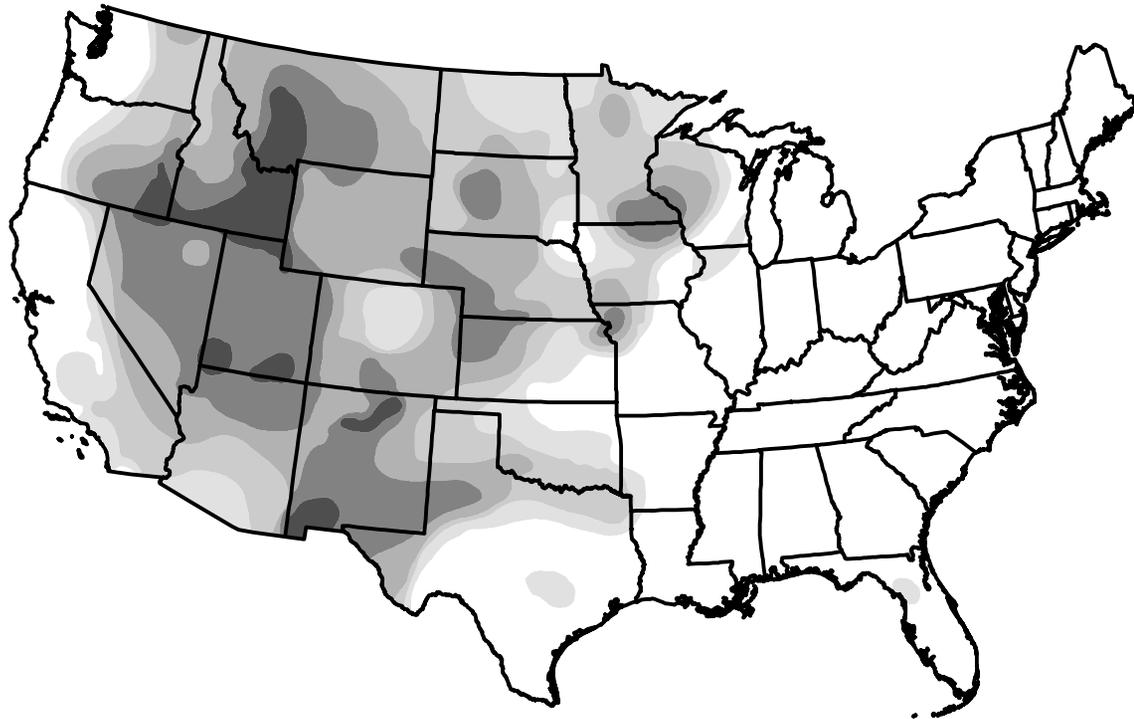


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U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.80	49.19	39.77	28.36	14.67	2.82
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	48.76	51.23	40.07	28.20	14.36	2.76
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	47.29	52.70	42.08	28.83	14.35	1.83
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	53.87	46.12	34.46	25.33	11.91	1.07
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	51.93	40.51	27.73	14.10	1.75
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	51.62	48.36	35.57	25.70	11.61	1.07

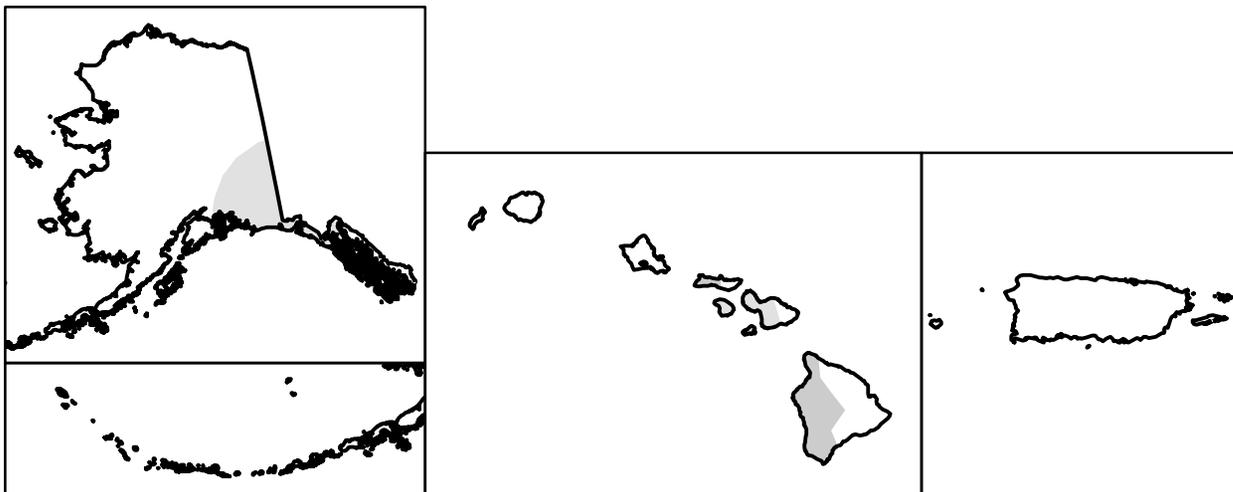
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