

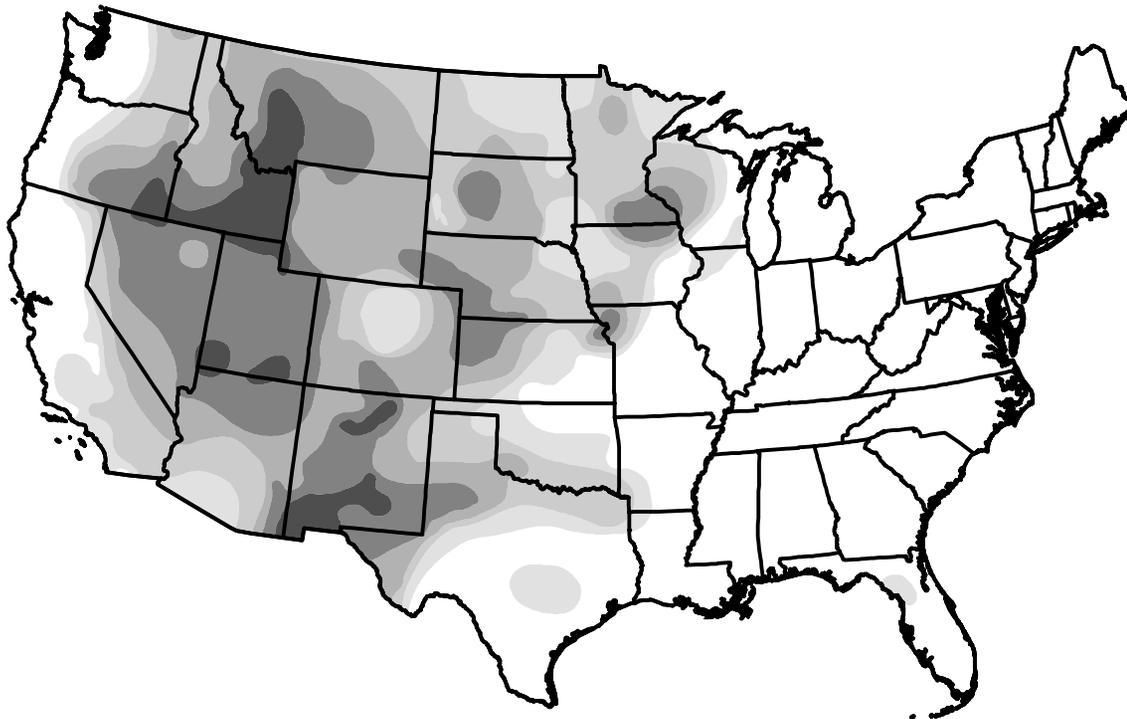
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 23, 2003**  
 (Released Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	42.53	9.92	13.64	16.26	13.92	3.72
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	43.41	9.05	13.58	16.39	14.19	3.37
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-23-2003</i>	37.14	12.58	16.46	16.95	14.79	2.07
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	13.80	10.92	16.07	12.97	1.28
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	13.05	15.26	16.24	14.78	2.09
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-24-2002</i>	43.42	14.46	11.46	16.75	12.63	1.28



***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>*

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