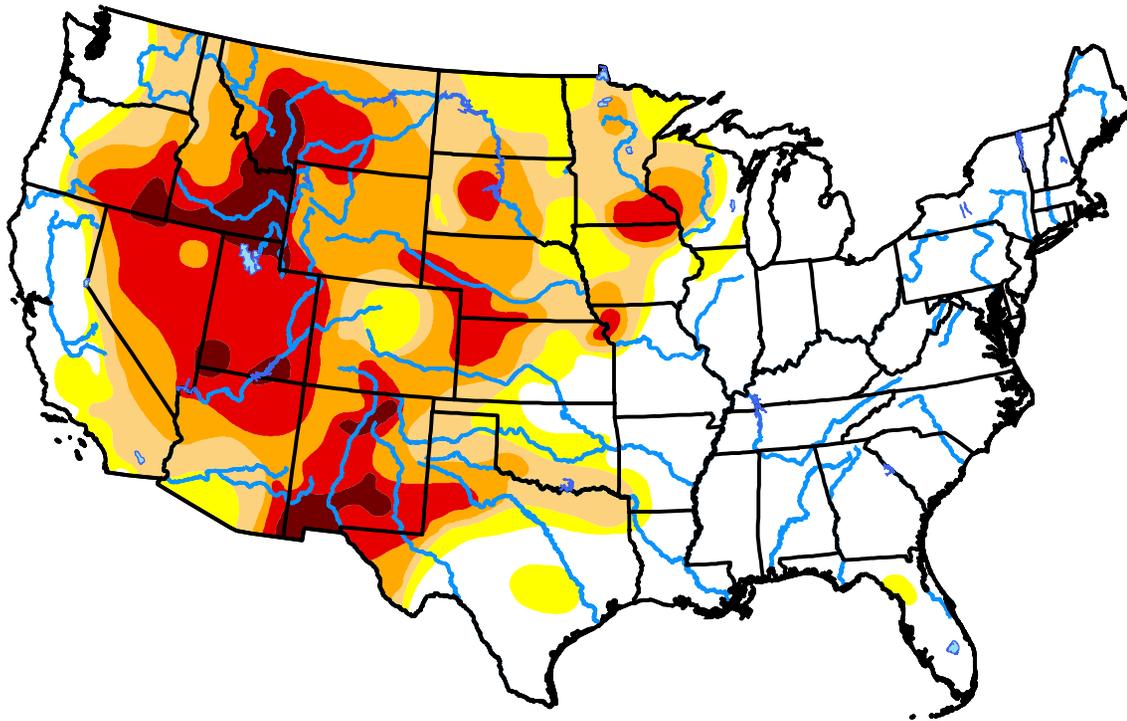


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.53	57.46	47.54	33.90	17.64	3.72
Last Week <i>12-16-2003</i>	43.41	56.58	47.53	33.95	17.56	3.37
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2003</i>	37.14	62.85	50.27	33.81	16.86	2.07
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	55.04	41.24	30.33	14.25	1.28
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	61.42	48.37	33.11	16.87	2.09
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2002</i>	43.42	56.58	42.11	30.66	13.91	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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