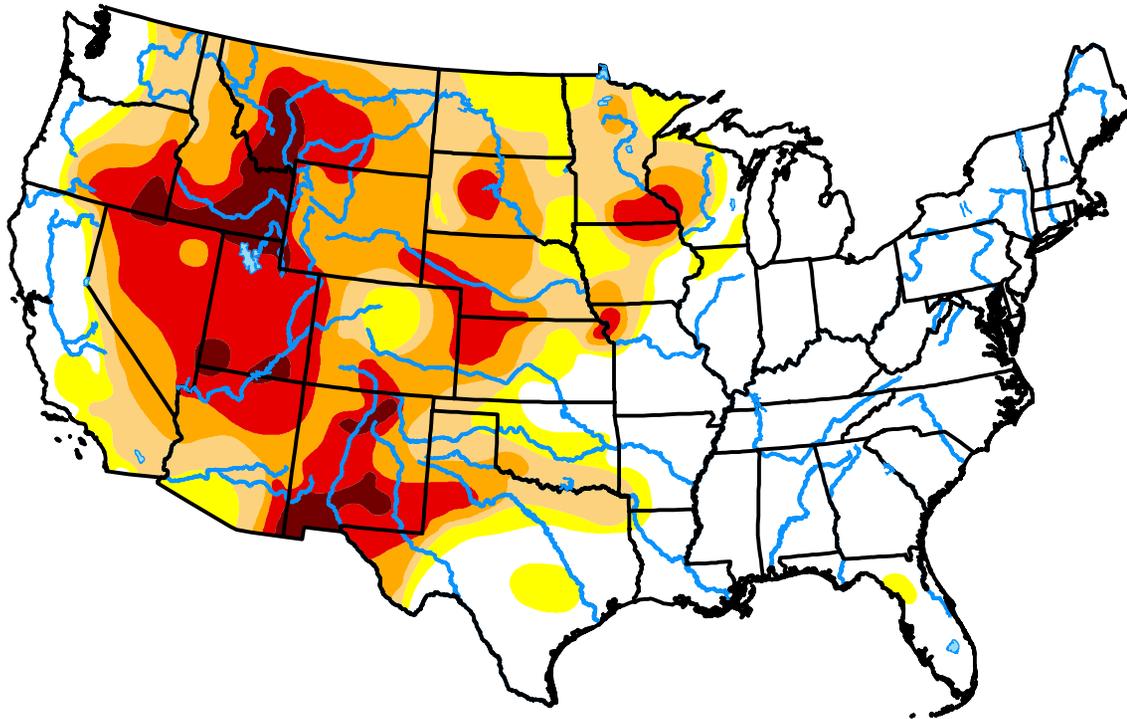


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**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>	50.53	9.69	11.46	13.58	11.63	3.11
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	50.80	9.42	11.41	13.69	11.85	2.82
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-23-2003</i>	46.87	11.02	13.79	14.22	12.35	1.73
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	53.87	11.66	9.13	13.43	10.84	1.07
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	11.42	12.78	13.63	12.35	1.75
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-24-2002</i>	52.58	12.21	9.58	13.99	10.55	1.07

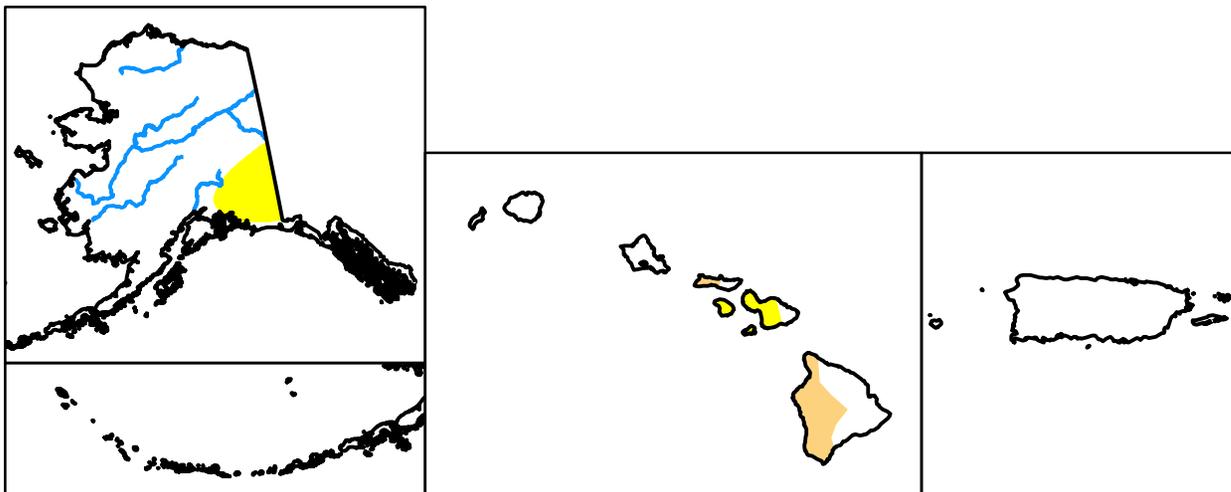
***Intensity:***



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