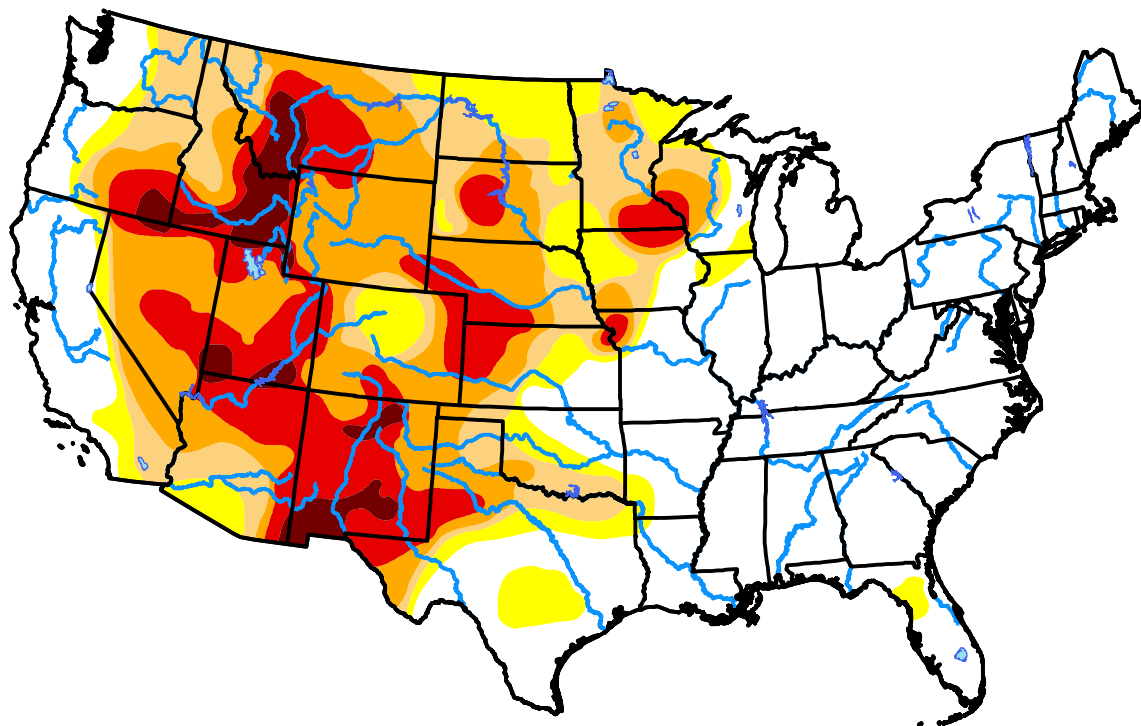


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.82	10.37	12.02	17.80	12.58	3.40
Last Week <i>12-23-2003</i>	42.53	9.92	13.64	16.26	13.92	3.72
3 Months Ago <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	13.05	15.26	16.24	14.78	2.09
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	13.80	10.92	16.07	12.97	1.28
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	13.05	15.26	16.24	14.78	2.09
One Year Ago <i>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	13.80	10.92	16.07	12.97	1.28

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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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