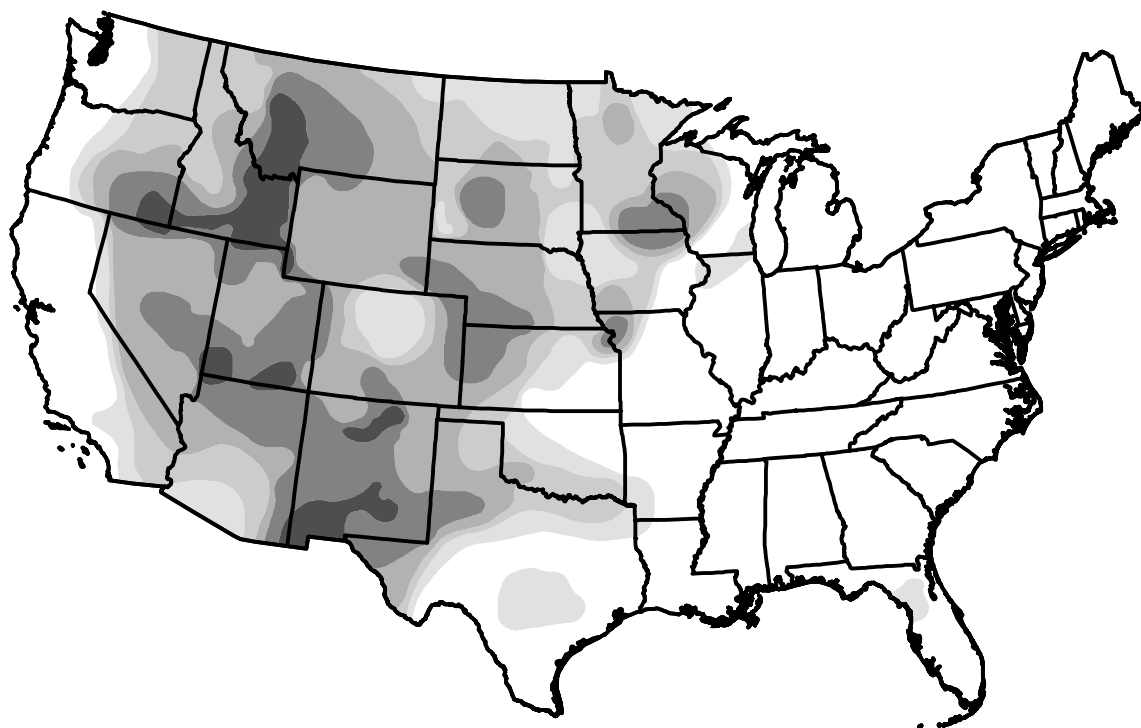


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.82	56.17	45.80	33.78	15.99	3.40
Last Week <i>12-23-2003</i>	42.53	57.46	47.54	33.90	17.64	3.72
3 Months Ago <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	61.42	48.37	33.11	16.87	2.09
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>12-31-2002</i>	44.95	55.04	41.24	30.33	14.25	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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