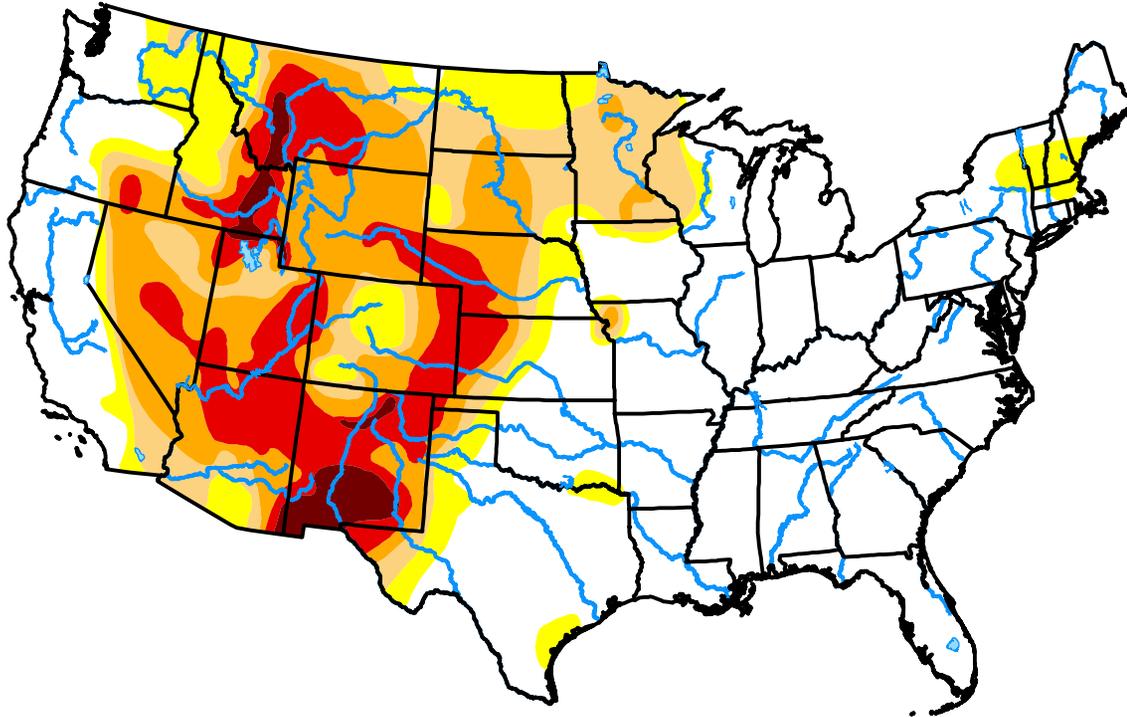


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**March 16, 2004**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	55.58	12.90	8.89	12.30	8.69	1.61
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-09-2004</i>	55.31	12.54	9.15	12.58	8.79	1.61
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	50.80	9.42	11.41	13.69	11.85	2.82
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	50.81	10.84	10.11	14.87	10.51	2.84
<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>03-18-2003</i>	43.14	16.29	14.09	10.44	14.61	1.41

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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