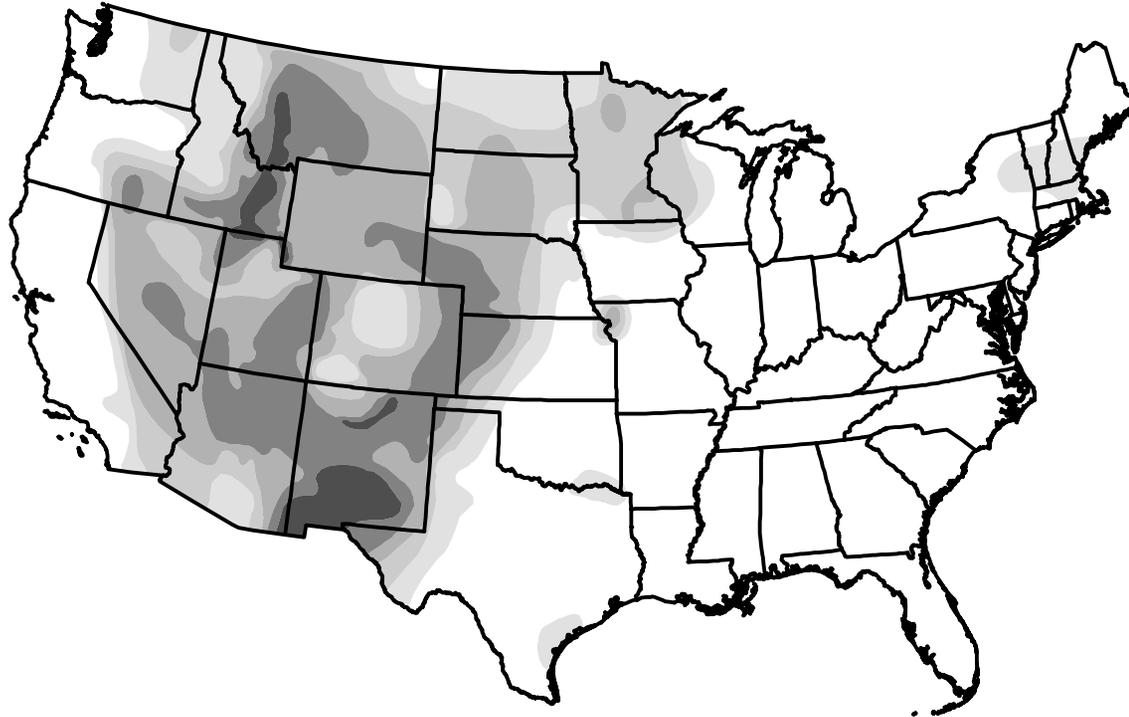


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	55.58	44.40	31.50	22.61	10.31	1.61
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-09-2004</i>	55.31	44.68	32.14	22.99	10.41	1.61
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	50.80	49.19	39.77	28.36	14.67	2.82
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	50.81	49.17	38.33	28.22	13.35	2.84
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	51.93	40.51	27.73	14.10	1.75
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-18-2003</i>	43.14	56.85	40.56	26.47	16.02	1.41

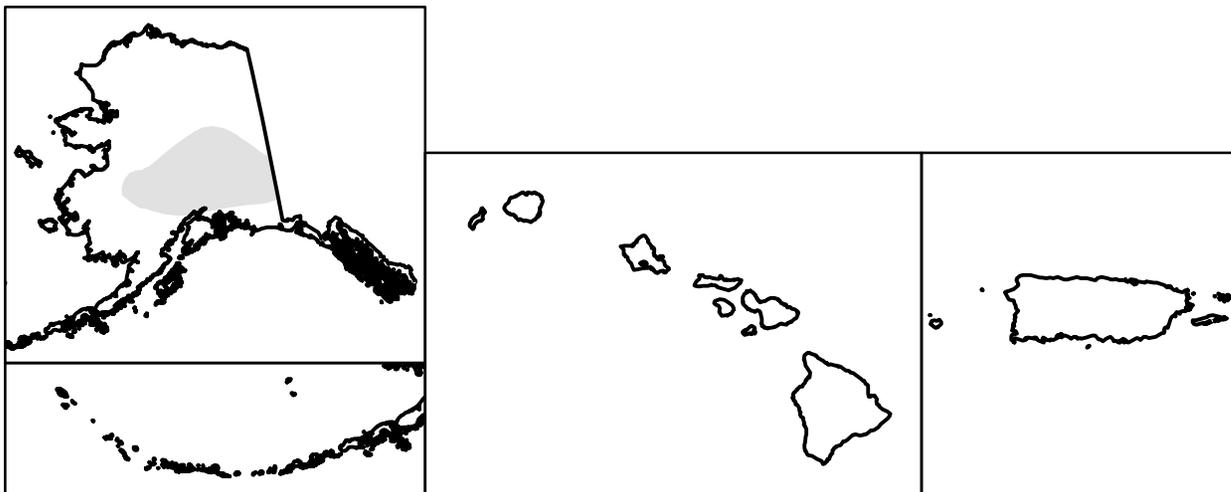
***Intensity:***



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