

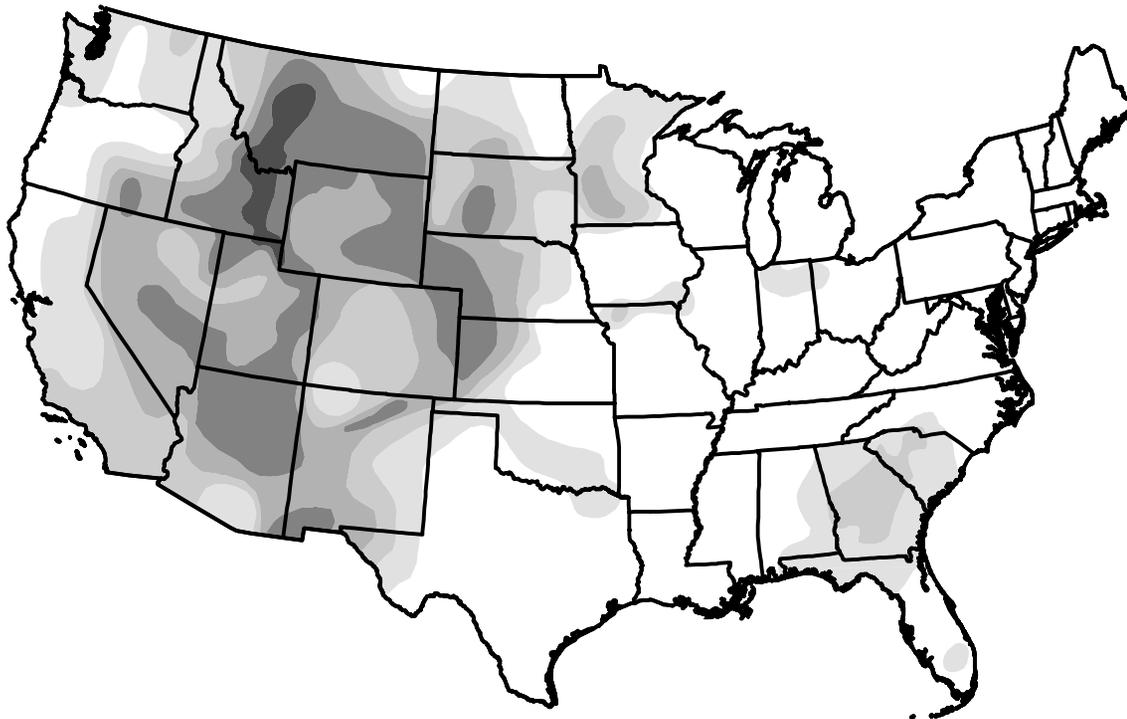
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**May 18, 2004**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	46.39	53.60	37.32	25.44	12.15	1.11
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-11-2004</i>	45.16	54.83	39.11	26.96	12.35	1.09
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-17-2004</i>	46.58	53.41	41.29	30.75	14.43	2.83
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	43.82	56.17	45.80	33.78	15.99	3.40
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2003</i>	38.57	61.42	48.37	33.11	16.87	2.09
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-20-2003</i>	45.97	54.02	42.67	25.49	10.15	0.60



***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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