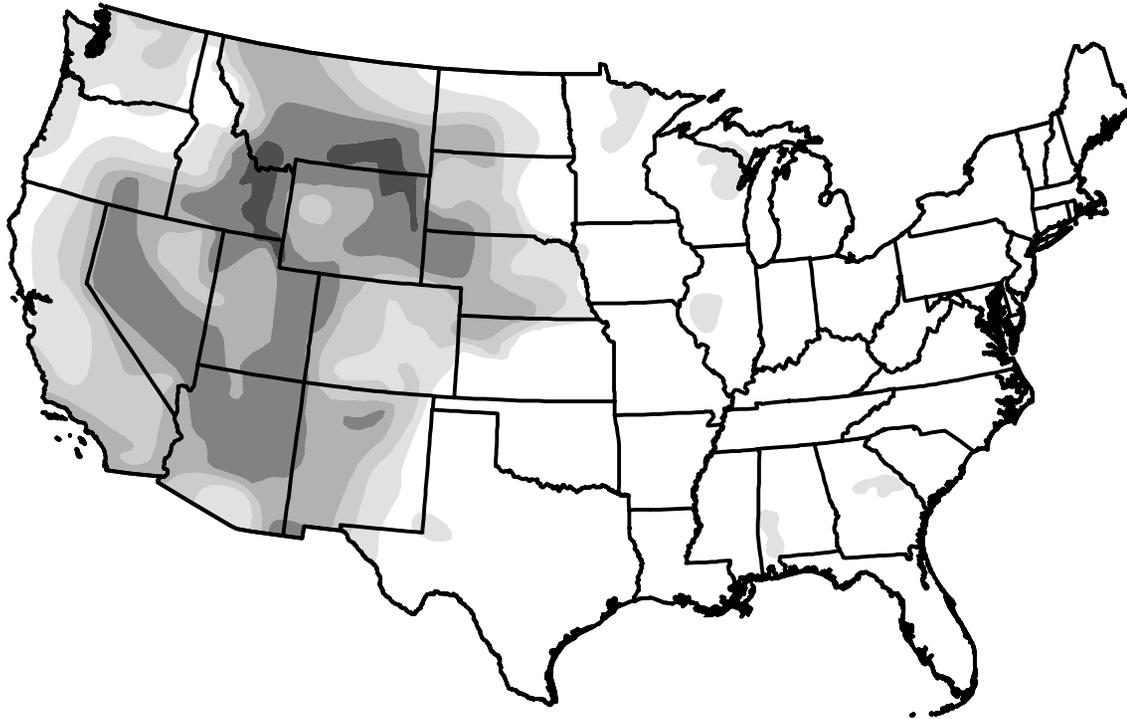


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.20	43.79	32.85	23.64	11.99	1.26
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-10-2004</i>	54.02	45.97	32.95	23.82	11.35	1.26
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-18-2004</i>	46.39	53.60	37.32	25.44	12.15	1.11
<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>08-19-2003</i>	35.22	64.77	49.51	34.10	17.38	2.12

***Intensity:***



*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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