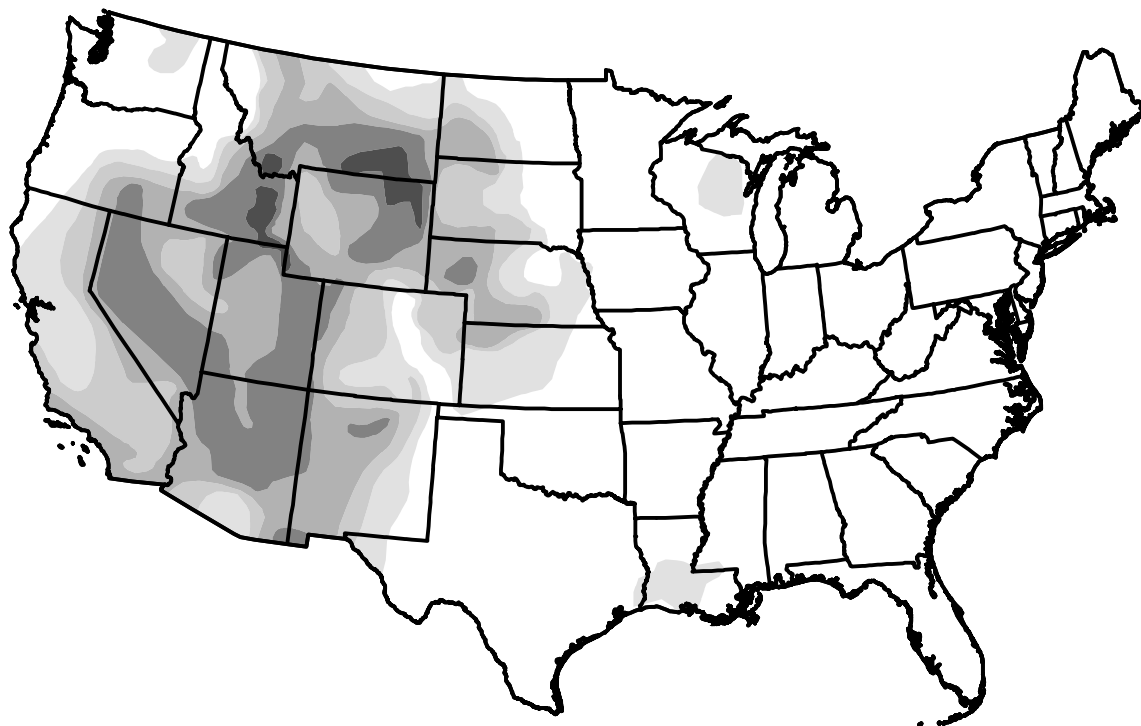


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.55	40.44	30.95	22.18	10.27	0.96
Last Week <i>09-07-2004</i>	61.35	38.64	30.97	22.46	10.70	1.18
3 Months Ago <i>06-15-2004</i>	50.44	49.56	37.58	25.45	12.55	1.28
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	43.82	56.17	45.80	33.78	15.99	3.40
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>09-16-2003</i>	37.61	62.38	50.26	34.44	17.18	2.19

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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