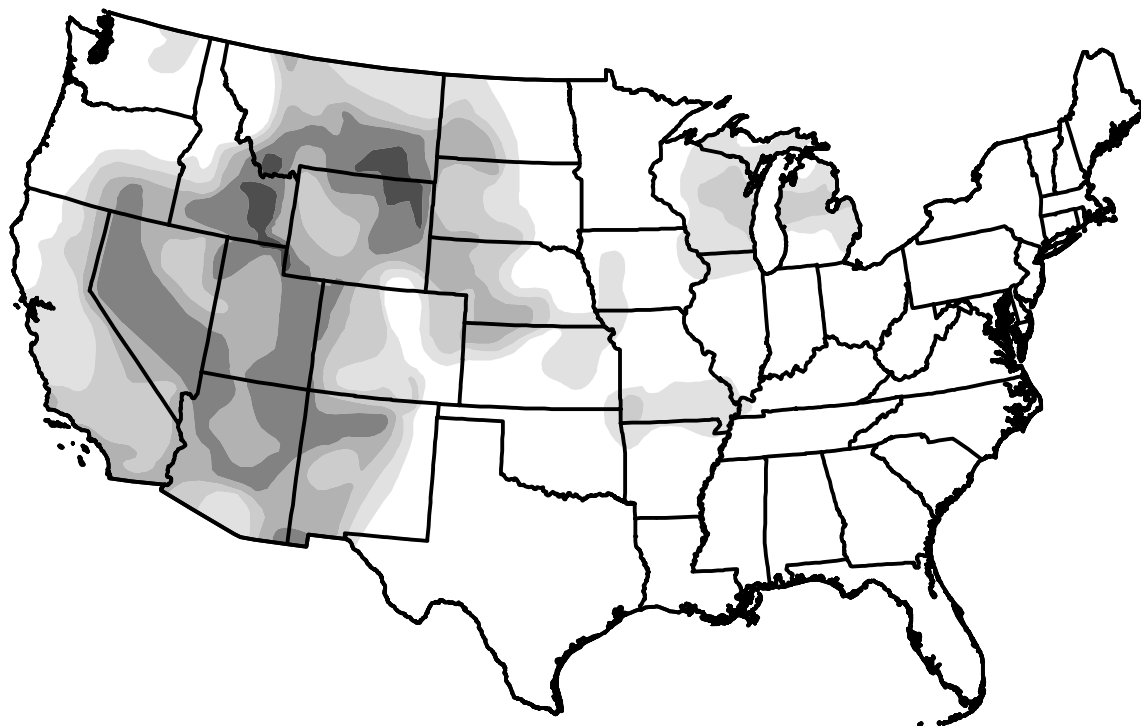


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.79	42.21	30.75	20.68	9.62	0.97
Last Week <i>10-12-2004</i>	55.43	44.56	31.60	21.27	9.64	1.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-20-2004</i>	52.47	47.53	33.45	24.17	10.62	1.43
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>09-28-2004</i>	56.51	43.48	30.51	21.82	9.69	0.93
One Year Ago <i>10-21-2003</i>	38.89	61.10	46.61	34.55	17.28	2.04

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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