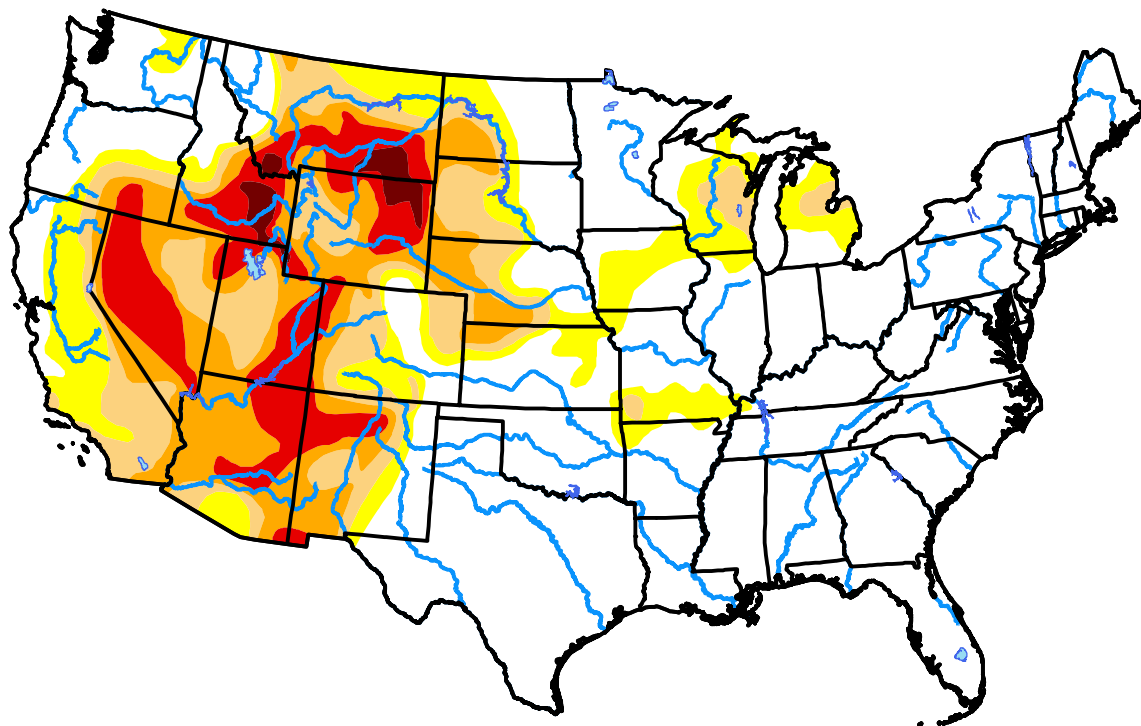


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.83	41.16	29.78	19.24	8.33	0.93
Last Week <i>10-19-2004</i>	57.79	42.21	30.75	20.68	9.62	0.97
3 Months Ago <i>07-27-2004</i>	55.17	44.83	32.65	23.69	10.73	1.38
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>10-28-2003</i>	37.12	62.87	48.73	35.06	18.28	2.54

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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