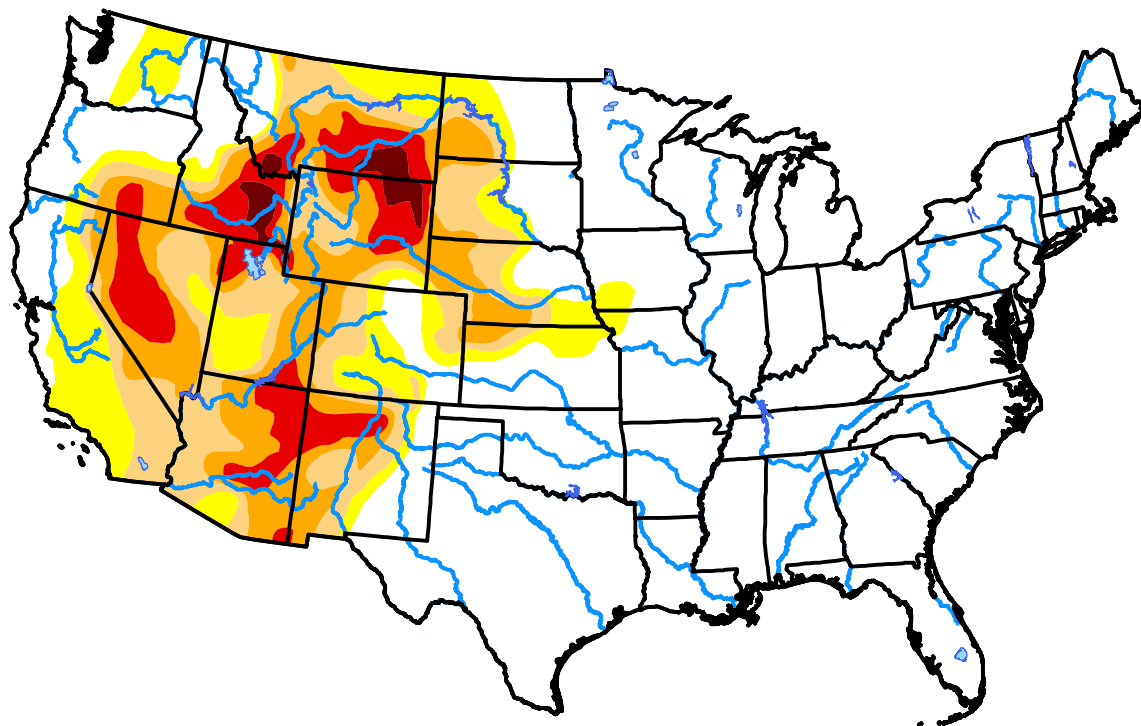


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	63.42	9.55	10.53	10.00	5.56	0.93
Last Week <i>11-30-2004</i>	62.81	10.19	10.27	10.23	5.56	0.93
3 Months Ago <i>09-07-2004</i>	61.35	7.67	8.52	11.75	9.52	1.18
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	43.82	10.37	12.02	17.80	12.58	3.40
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	56.51	12.97	8.69	12.13	8.76	0.93
One Year Ago <i>12-09-2003</i>	41.41	10.70	14.13	16.57	13.88	3.30

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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