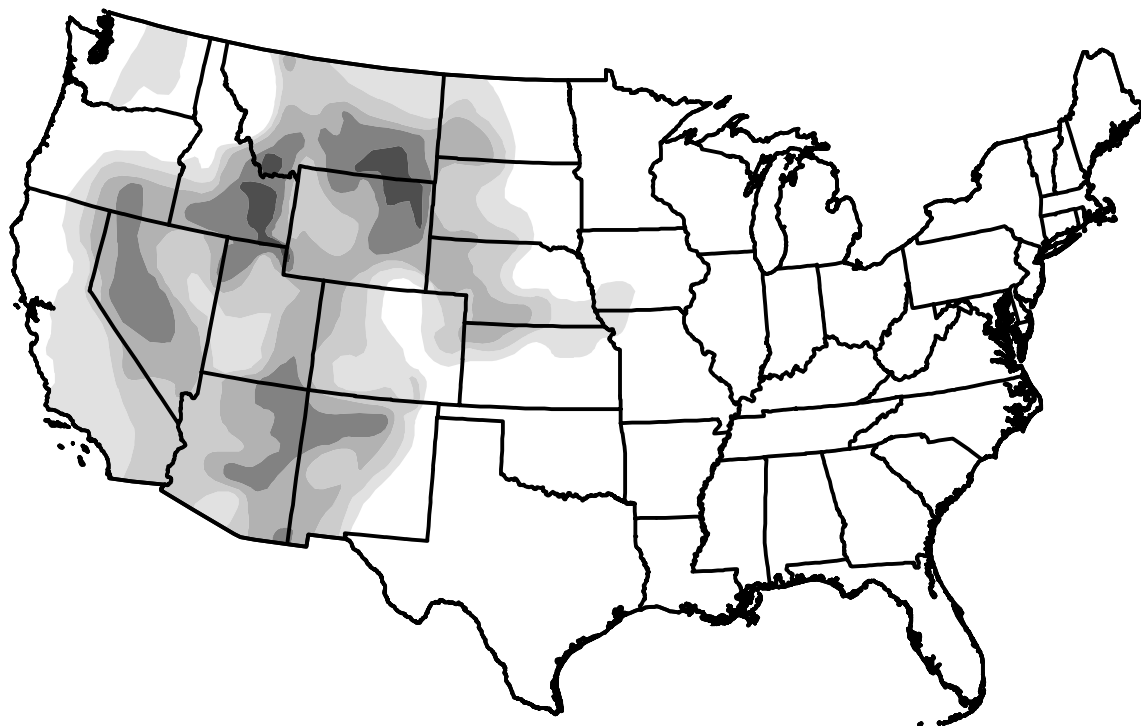


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	63.42	36.57	27.02	16.49	6.49	0.93
Last Week <i>11-30-2004</i>	62.81	37.18	26.99	16.72	6.49	0.93
3 Months Ago <i>09-07-2004</i>	61.35	38.64	30.97	22.46	10.70	1.18
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>12-09-2003</i>	41.41	58.59	47.88	33.75	17.18	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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