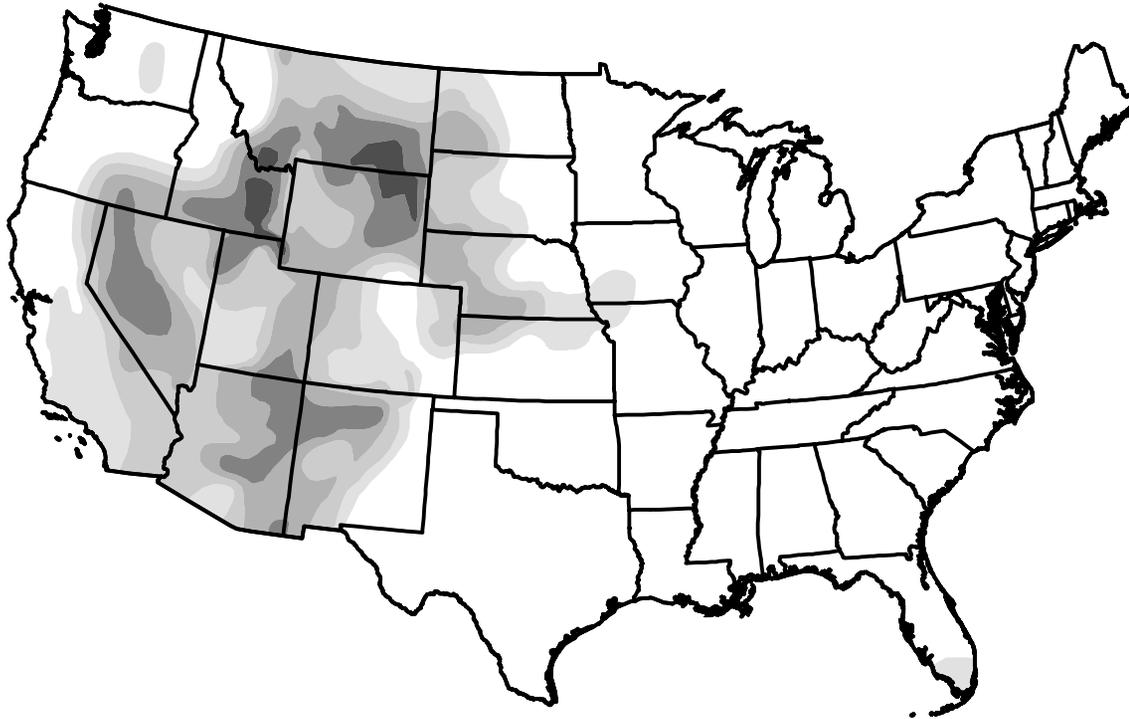


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 14, 2004**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	64.28	8.83	10.79	9.83	5.36	0.90
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-07-2004</i>	63.42	9.55	10.53	10.00	5.56	0.93
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-14-2004</i>	59.55	9.49	8.78	11.91	9.30	0.96
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	43.82	10.37	12.02	17.80	12.58	3.40
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	56.51	12.97	8.69	12.13	8.76	0.93
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-16-2003</i>	43.41	9.05	13.58	16.39	14.19	3.37

*Intensity:*



*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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