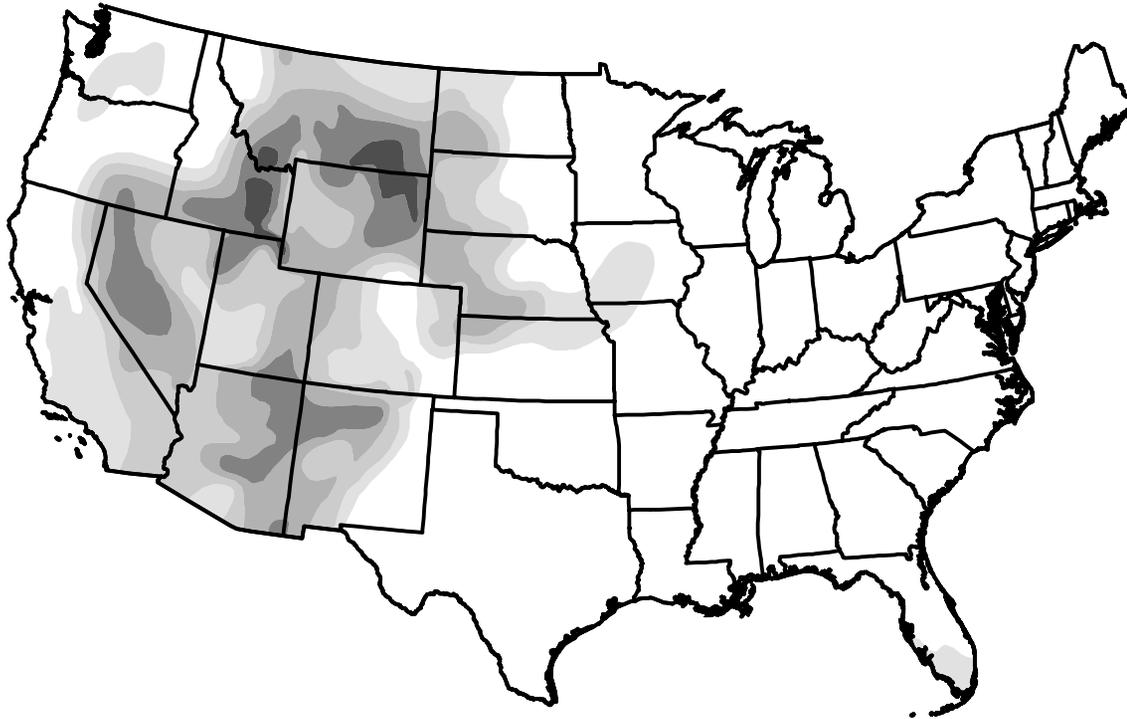


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 21, 2004
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	62.66	10.21	10.54	10.19	5.47	0.92
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	64.28	8.83	10.79	9.83	5.36	0.90
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	58.79	10.59	8.63	12.28	8.77	0.93
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>12-23-2003</i>	42.53	9.92	13.64	16.26	13.92	3.72

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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