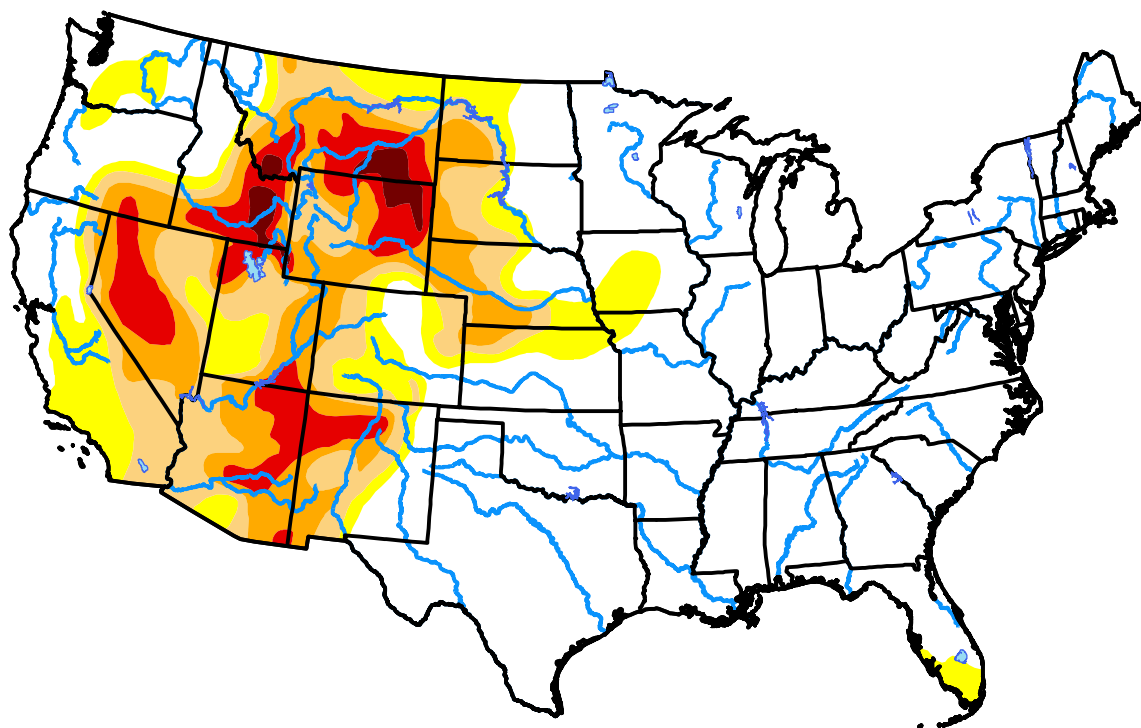


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	62.66	37.34	27.12	16.58	6.39	0.92
Last Week <i>12-14-2004</i>	64.28	35.71	26.88	16.09	6.26	0.90
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2004</i>	58.79	41.21	30.62	21.99	9.70	0.93
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>12-23-2003</i>	42.53	57.46	47.54	33.90	17.64	3.72

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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