

# U.S. Drought Monitor

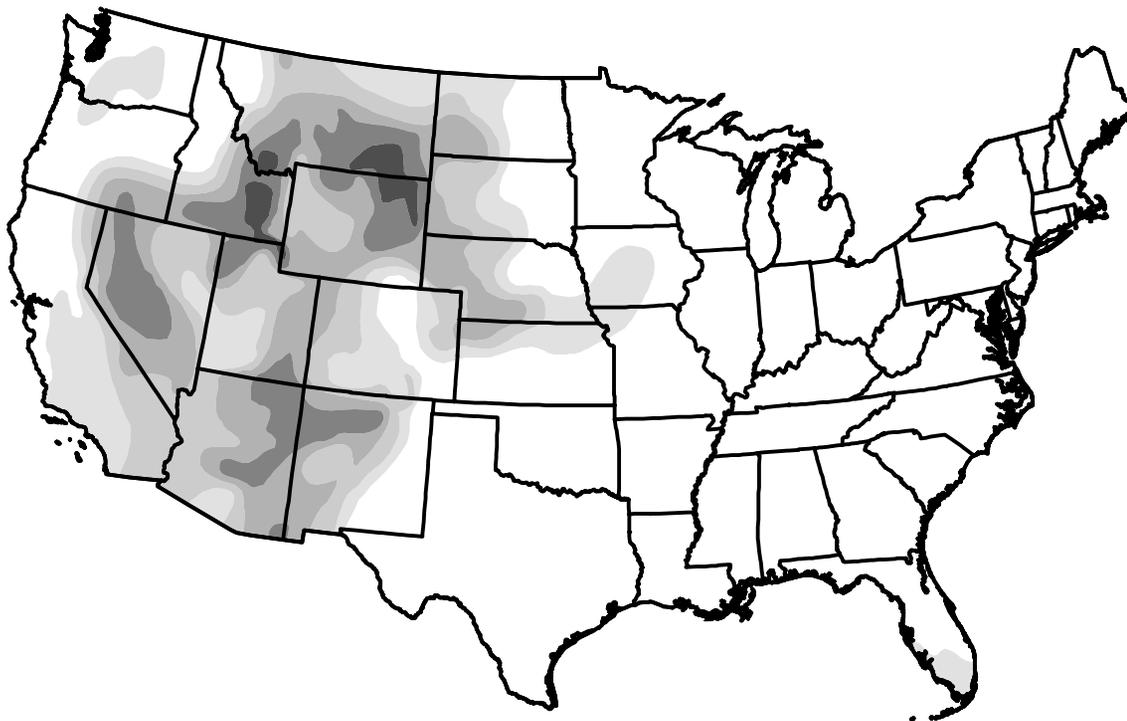
## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	62.66	37.34	27.12	16.58	6.39	0.92
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-14-2004</i>	64.28	35.71	26.88	16.09	6.26	0.90
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-21-2004</i>	58.79	41.21	30.62	21.99	9.70	0.93
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	43.82	56.17	45.80	33.78	15.99	3.40
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	56.51	43.48	30.51	21.82	9.69	0.93
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2003</i>	42.53	57.46	47.54	33.90	17.64	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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