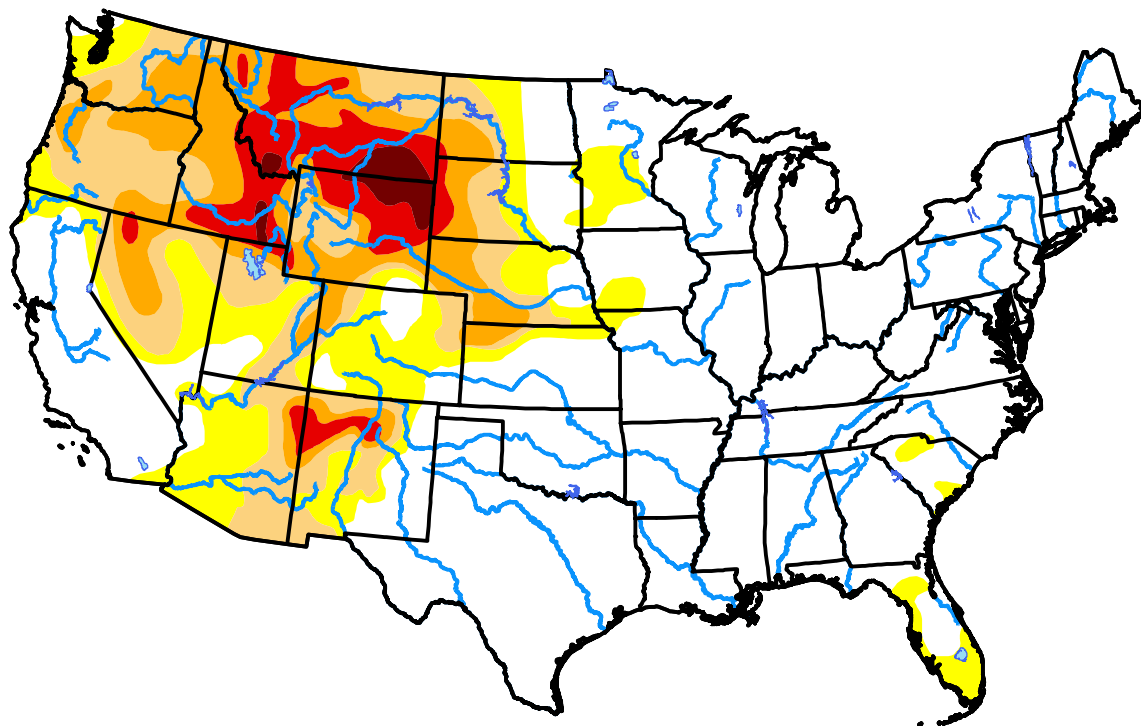


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	60.34	12.48	11.77	9.56	4.80	1.04
Last Week <i>02-15-2005</i>	60.79	11.96	13.04	8.42	4.73	1.04
3 Months Ago <i>11-23-2004</i>	60.05	11.50	10.75	9.80	6.96	0.93
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	63.02	11.34	10.25	9.48	5.14	0.77
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>02-24-2004</i>	47.71	11.32	10.22	16.04	11.88	2.83

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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