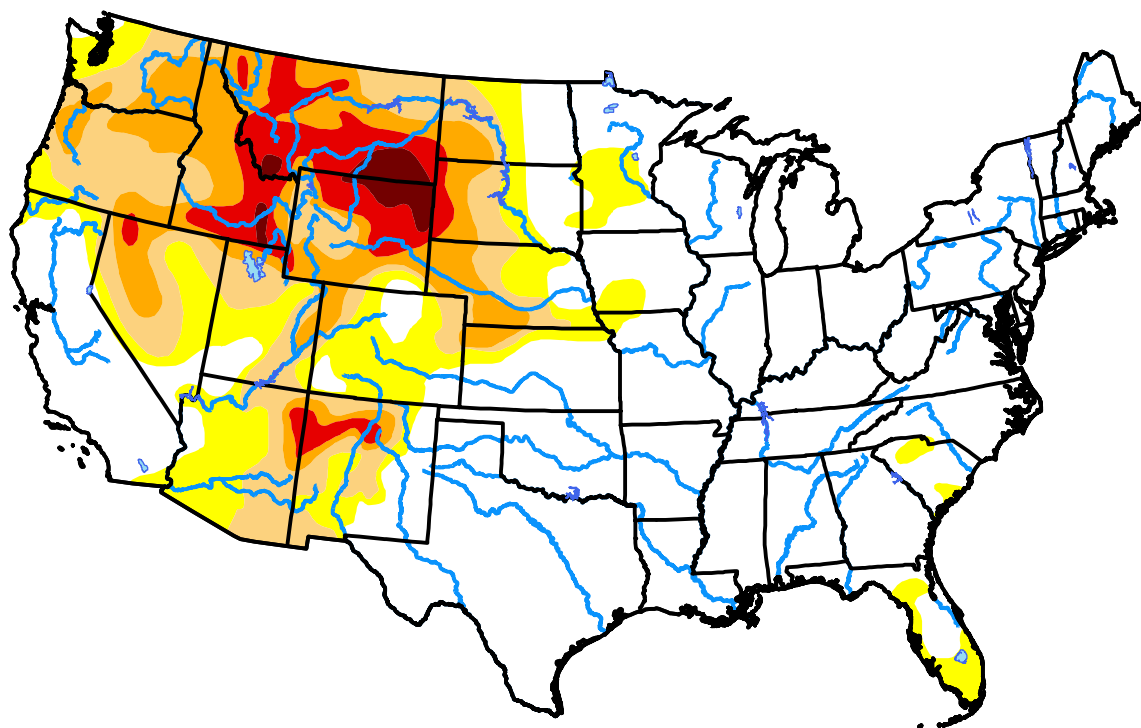


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.34	39.65	27.17	15.40	5.84	1.04
Last Week <i>02-15-2005</i>	60.79	39.20	27.24	14.20	5.77	1.04
3 Months Ago <i>11-23-2004</i>	60.05	39.94	28.44	17.69	7.89	0.93
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	63.02	36.97	25.64	15.39	5.91	0.77
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>02-24-2004</i>	47.71	52.28	40.97	30.75	14.71	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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