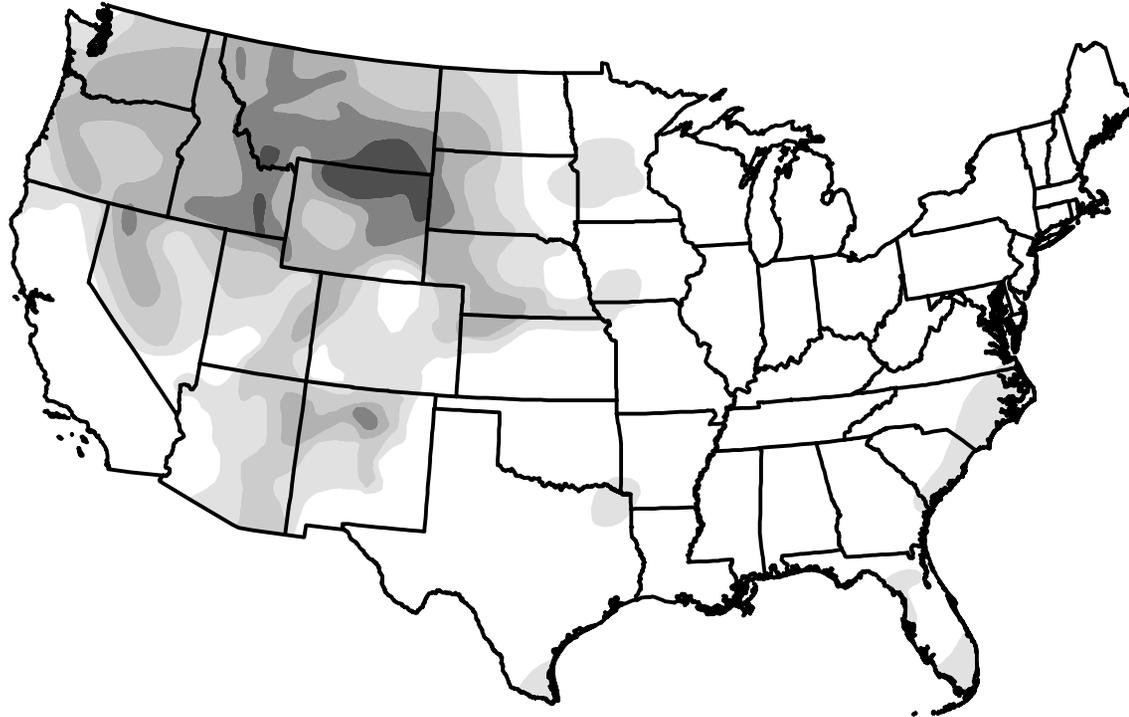


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	66.48	33.51	22.36	14.03	4.64	1.11
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-01-2005</i>	67.91	32.08	22.31	13.58	4.60	1.10
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-07-2004</i>	66.41	33.58	22.57	13.78	5.42	0.78
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2005</i>	69.08	30.91	21.42	12.86	4.94	0.64
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	60.74	39.25	25.49	18.23	8.10	0.78
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-09-2004</i>	55.31	44.68	32.14	22.99	10.41	1.61

***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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