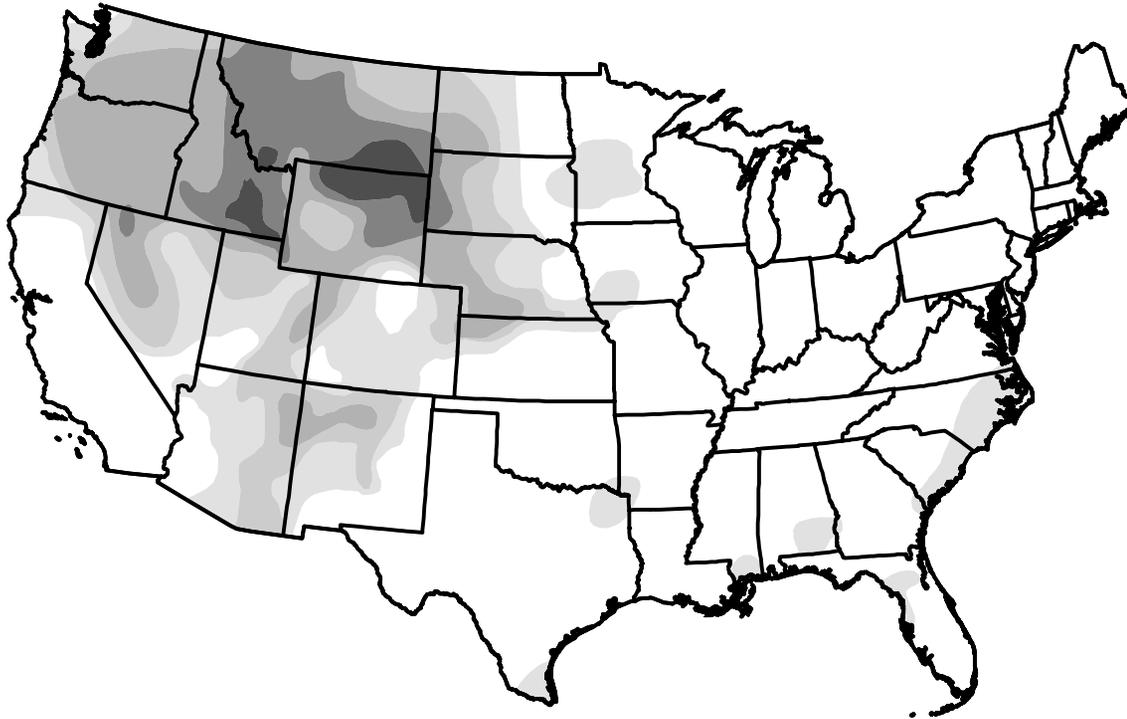


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	59.69	13.49	9.24	10.88	5.12	1.57
Last Week <i>03-08-2005</i>	59.94	13.29	9.97	11.23	4.22	1.33
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2004</i>	64.28	8.83	10.79	9.83	5.36	0.90
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>03-16-2004</i>	51.17	11.11	10.64	14.73	10.41	1.93

Intensity:



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