

U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

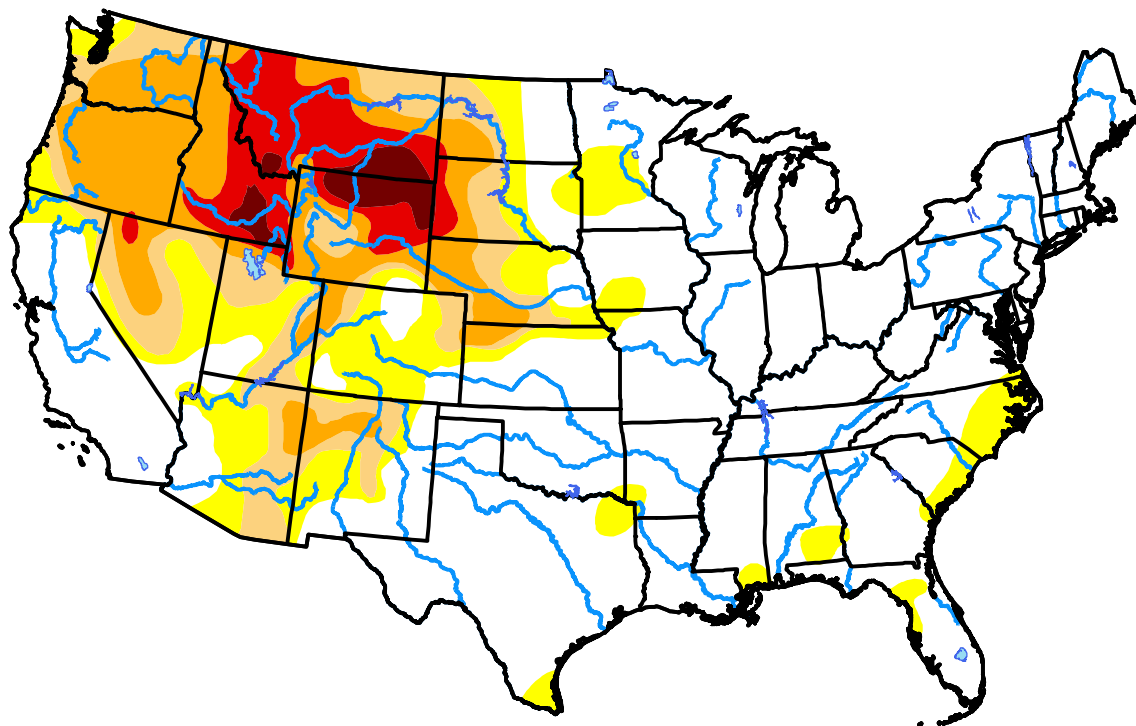
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.69	40.30	26.81	17.57	6.69	1.57
Last Week <i>03-08-2005</i>	59.94	40.06	26.76	16.79	5.56	1.33
3 Months Ago <i>12-14-2004</i>	64.28	35.71	26.88	16.09	6.26	0.90
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>03-16-2004</i>	51.17	48.82	37.71	27.07	12.34	1.93



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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