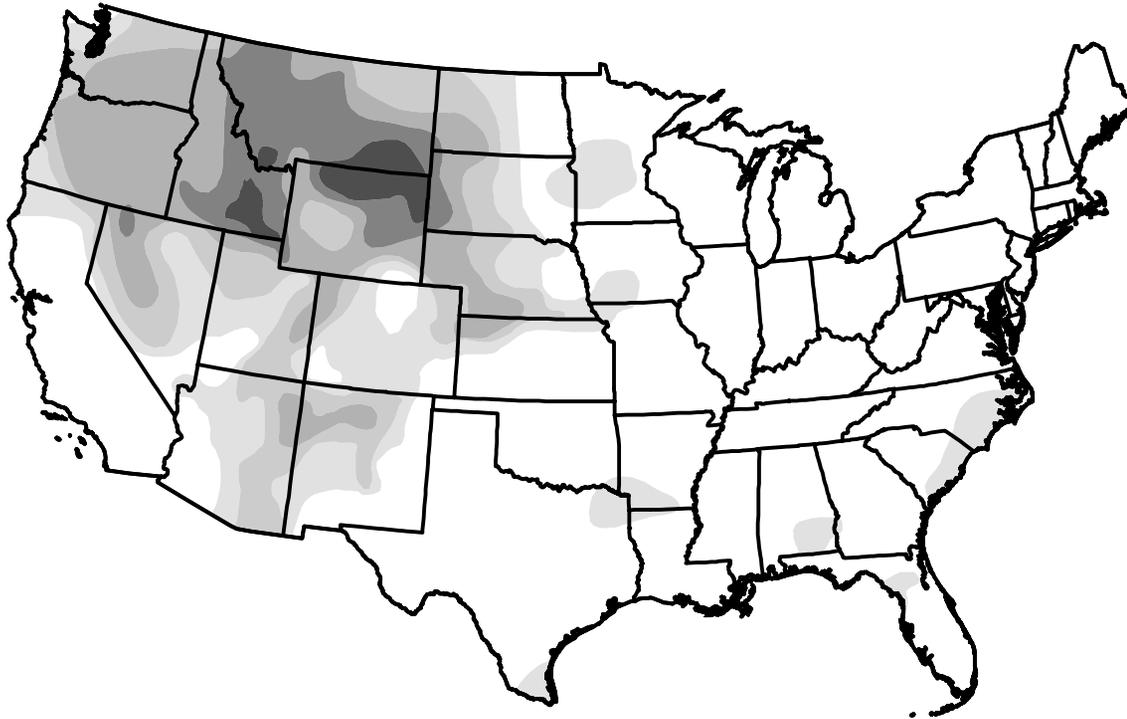


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Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.11	39.88	26.81	17.57	6.69	1.57
Last Week <i>03-15-2005</i>	59.69	40.30	26.81	17.57	6.69	1.57
3 Months Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	62.66	37.34	27.12	16.58	6.39	0.92
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>03-23-2004</i>	47.38	52.61	38.37	27.18	12.65	1.93

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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