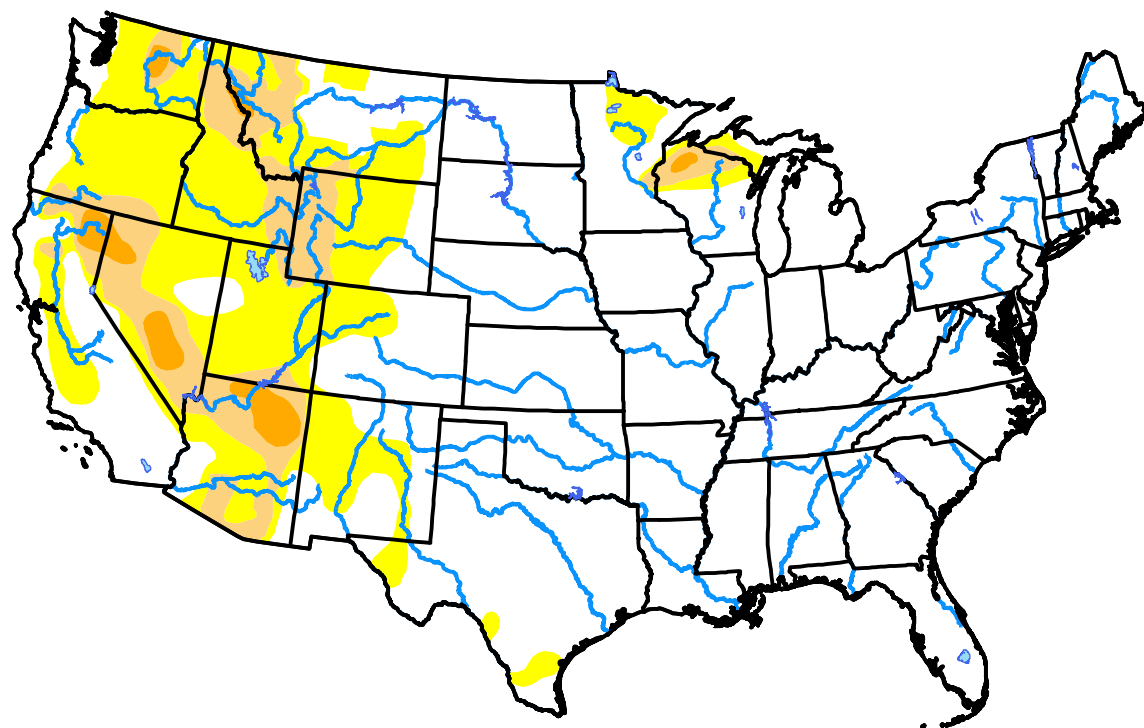


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

February 23, 2010
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	71.85	28.14	9.03	1.59	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>02-16-2010</i>	71.44	28.55	8.80	1.48	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-24-2009</i>	72.89	27.11	13.16	5.29	0.53	0.06
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2009</i>	72.07	27.93	12.40	4.24	0.19	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	63.98	36.01	14.98	6.18	1.30	0.28
One Year Ago <i>02-24-2009</i>	50.35	49.64	24.01	8.98	2.71	0.75

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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