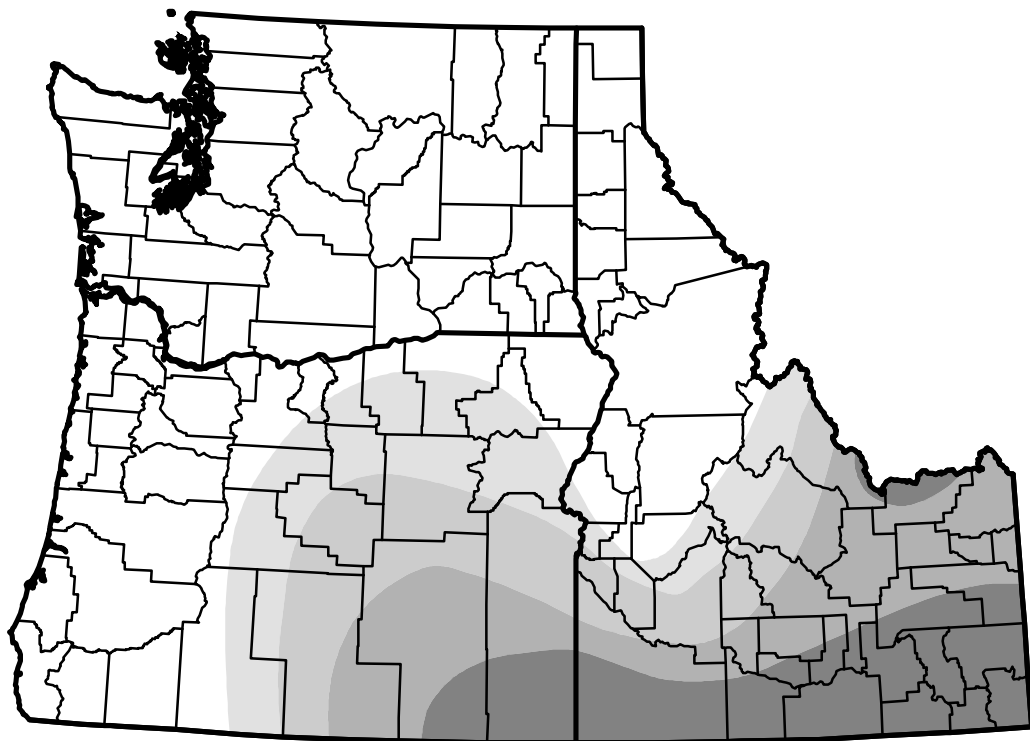


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USDA Northwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.88	25.12	9.62	6.66	3.22	0.00
Last Week <i>04-29-2003</i>	73.70	26.30	10.36	7.86	3.57	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-04-2003</i>	76.42	23.58	15.27	10.93	3.62	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	75.65	24.35	15.85	12.35	1.16	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	75.98	24.02	14.64	11.03	2.28	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-07-2002</i>	76.13	23.87	5.67	1.34	0.20	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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