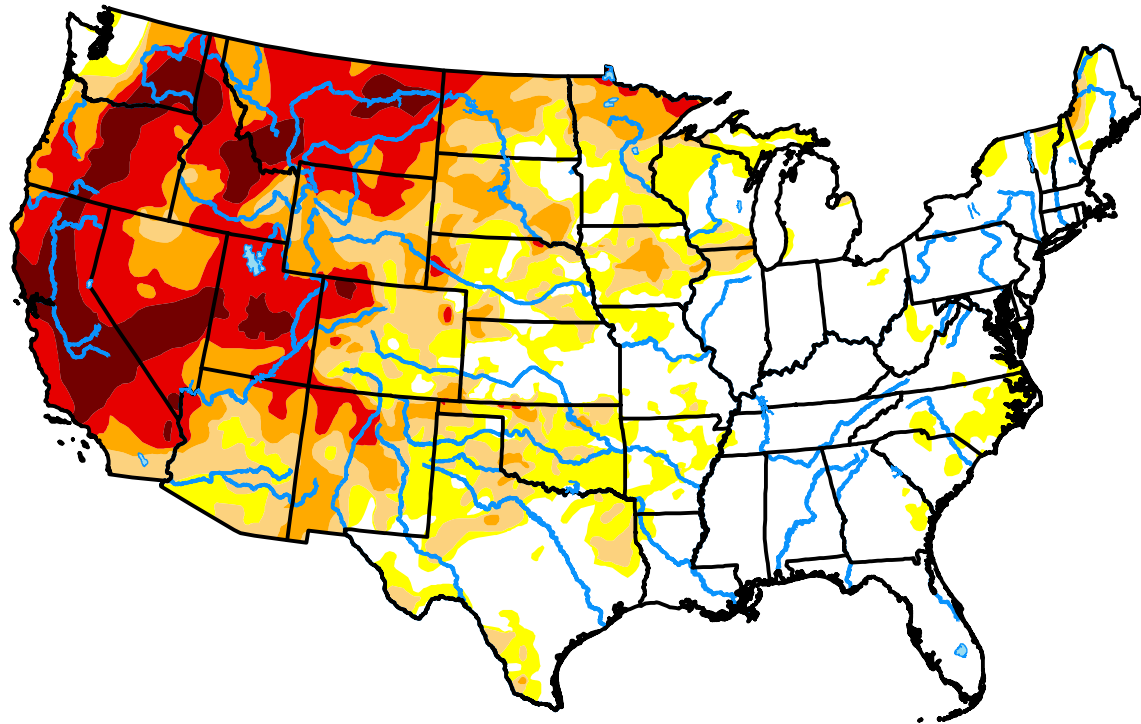


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**October 19, 2021**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	48.34	51.66	38.88	28.14	17.36	5.58
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-12-2021</i>	47.61	52.39	39.61	29.53	18.58	5.86
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-20-2021</i>	49.94	50.06	40.13	31.81	21.38	8.36
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2020</i>	43.05	56.95	40.97	28.61	18.56	8.26
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2021</i>	47.51	52.49	40.05	30.61	19.32	6.07
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-20-2020</i>	42.39	57.61	39.53	24.67	15.23	2.36

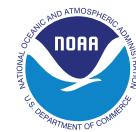
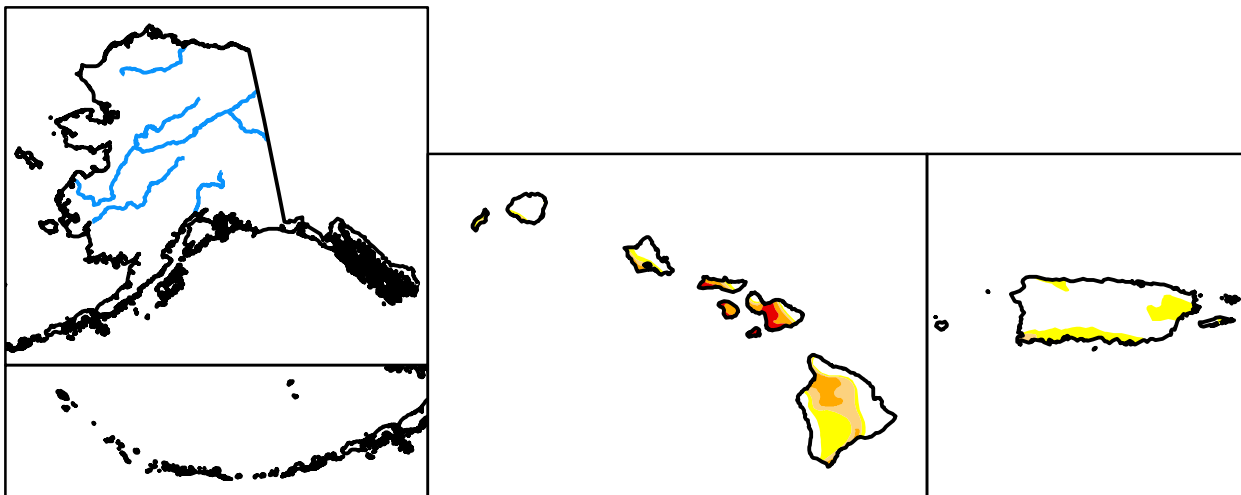
**Intensity:**



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