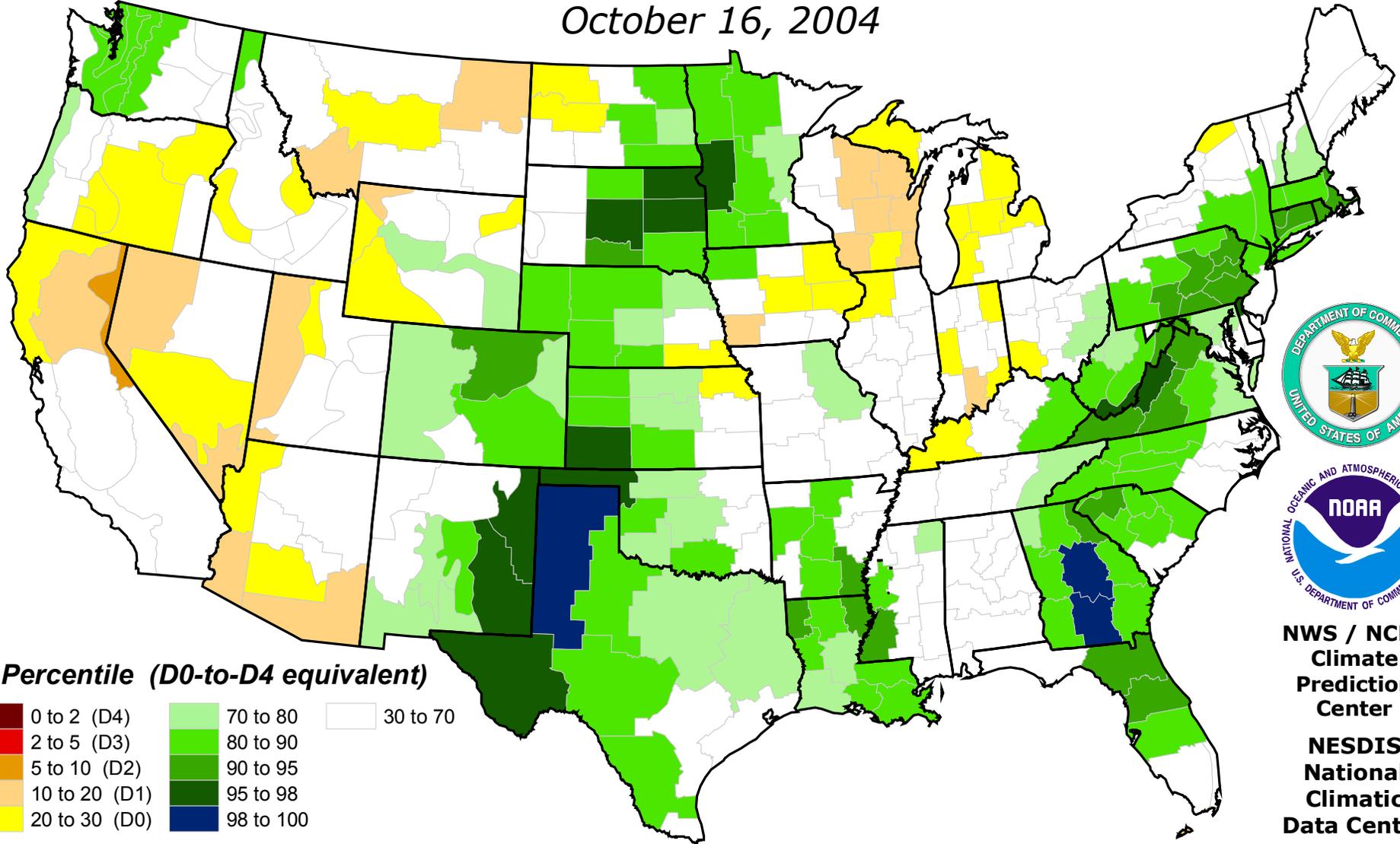


Objective *Short-Term* Drought Indicator Blend Percentiles

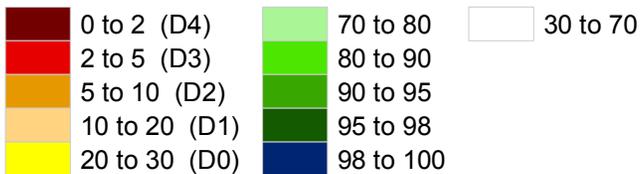
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Percentile (D0-to-D4 equivalent)



Inputs (as percentiles):

- 35% Palmer Z-Index
- 25% 3-Month Precipitation
- 20% 1-Month Precipitation
- 13% CPC Soil Moisture Model
- 7% Palmer Drought Index

This map approximates impacts that respond to precipitation over several days to a few months, such as agriculture, topsoil moisture, unregulated streamflows, and most aspects of wildfire danger. The relationship between indicators and impacts can vary significantly with location and season. Do not interpret this map too literally.

This map is based on preliminary climate division data. Local conditions and/or final data may differ. See the detailed product suite description for more details.