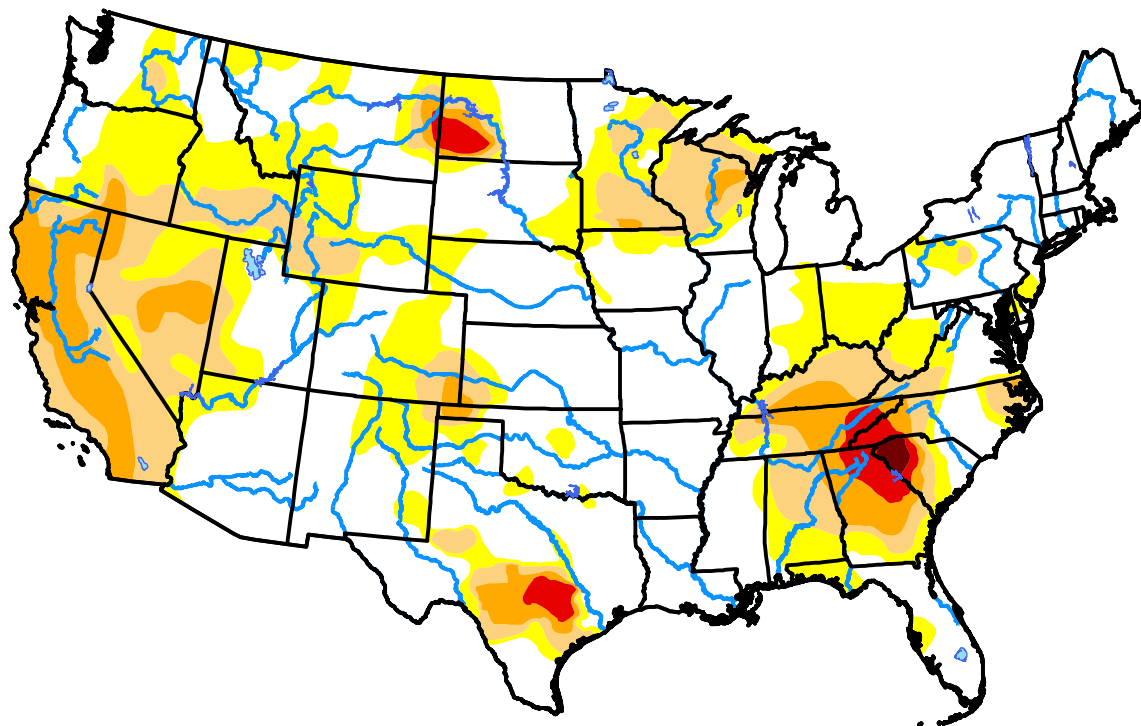


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	54.73	22.12	14.13	7.28	1.56	0.18
Last Week <i>09-30-2008</i>	54.09	22.35	14.66	7.05	1.66	0.18
3 Months Ago <i>07-08-2008</i>	51.86	20.59	15.66	7.73	3.27	0.88
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	45.41	19.62	14.57	14.64	3.37	2.38
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	54.09	22.35	14.66	7.05	1.66	0.18
One Year Ago <i>10-09-2007</i>	40.87	15.37	13.76	17.60	8.86	3.53

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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