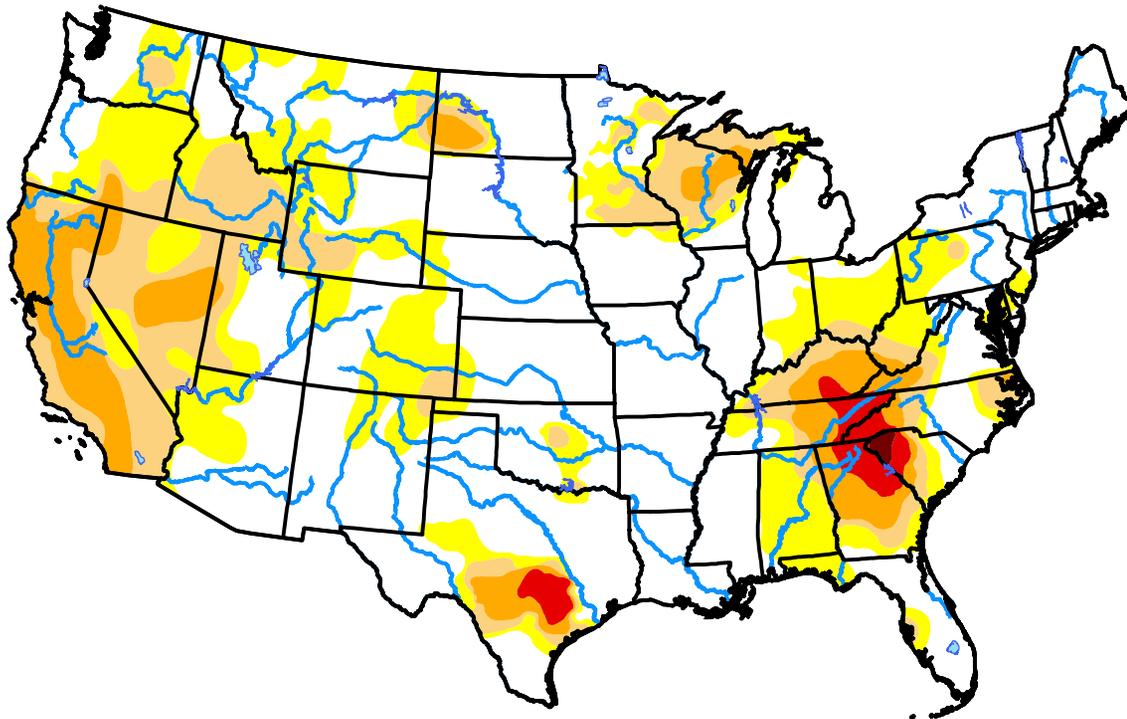


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

October 21, 2008
 (Released Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008)
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.46	43.54	22.42	9.47	1.73	0.12
Last Week <i>10-14-2008</i>	58.10	41.89	21.12	9.01	1.73	0.12
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2008</i>	47.65	52.34	27.42	10.94	3.99	1.22
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	45.41	54.58	34.96	20.39	5.75	2.38
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	54.09	45.90	23.55	8.89	1.84	0.18
One Year Ago <i>10-23-2007</i>	45.22	54.77	38.84	26.38	10.59	3.97

Intensity:



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>

Author:

Richard Tinker
 CPC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP



droughtmonitor.unl.edu