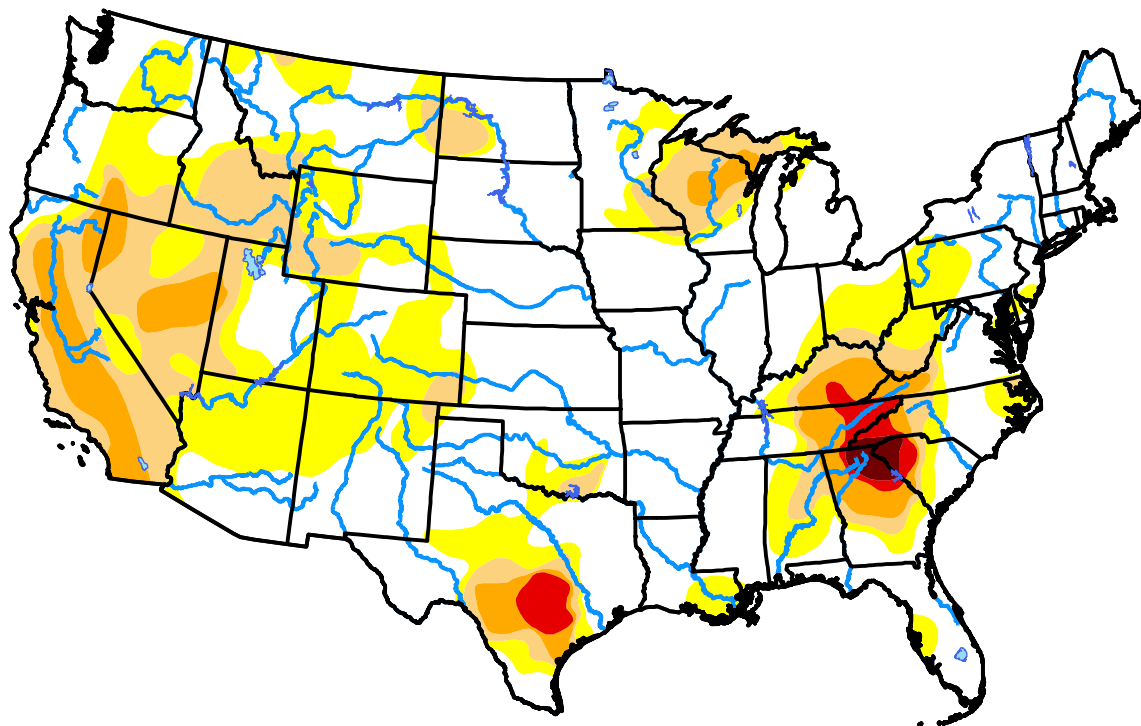


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**November 18, 2008**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 56.16 | 22.92 | 12.77 | 6.38  | 1.33 | 0.44 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-11-2008</i>              | 57.63 | 21.26 | 12.52 | 6.73  | 1.42 | 0.44 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>08-19-2008</i>           | 48.86 | 25.94 | 13.62 | 8.50  | 2.31 | 0.77 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 45.41 | 19.62 | 14.57 | 14.64 | 3.37 | 2.38 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 54.09 | 22.35 | 14.66 | 7.05  | 1.66 | 0.18 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>11-20-2007</i>           | 39.56 | 23.46 | 14.55 | 14.36 | 5.13 | 2.93 |

### Intensity:

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

*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>*

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