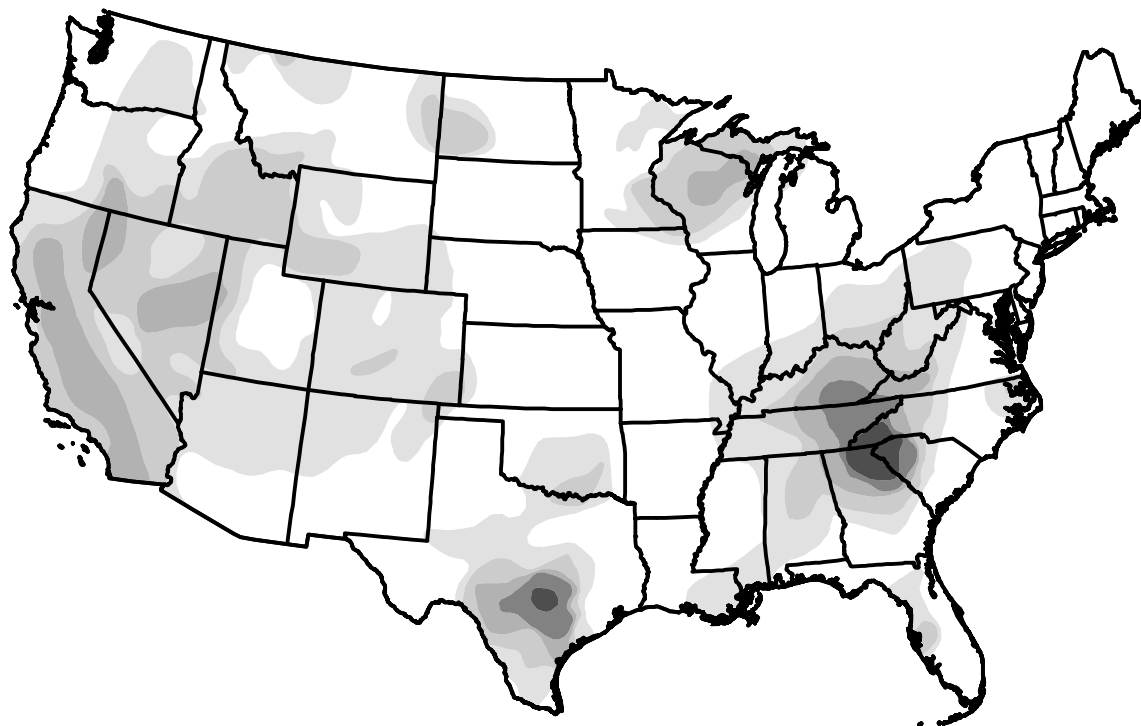


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	51.76	26.62	13.71	5.80	1.49	0.62
Last Week <i>11-25-2008</i>	54.87	23.73	13.15	6.18	1.55	0.51
3 Months Ago <i>09-02-2008</i>	47.98	28.11	15.74	6.60	1.42	0.14
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>12-04-2007</i>	41.44	22.23	15.65	14.53	2.91	3.24

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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