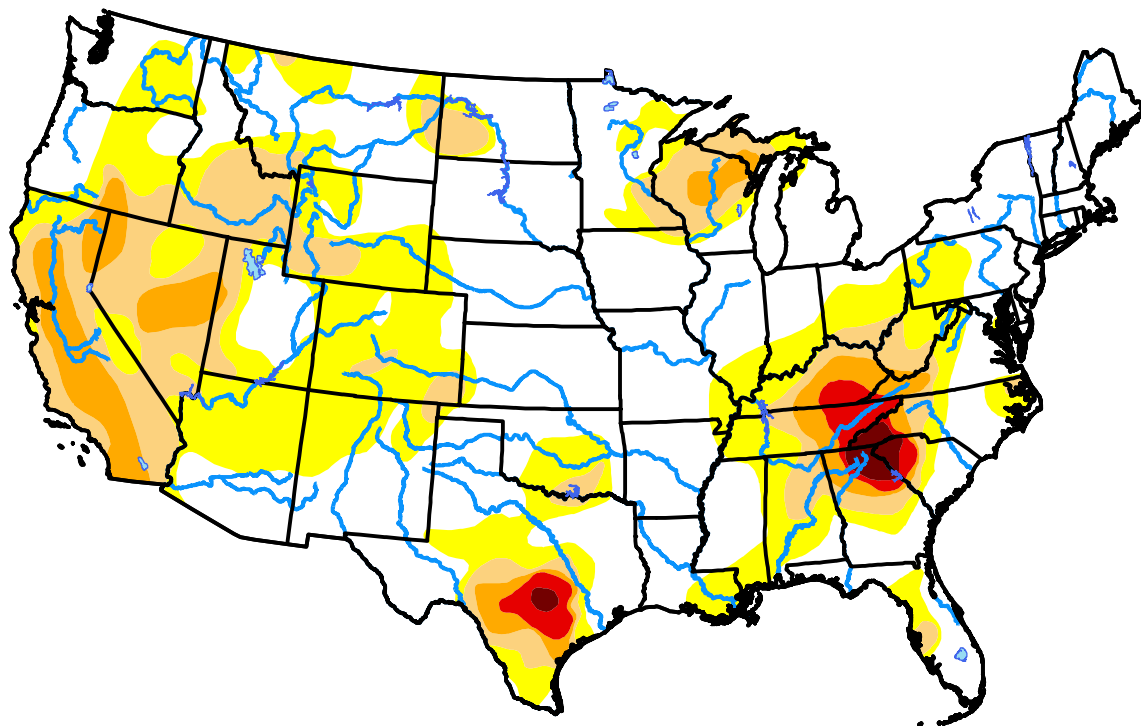


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 2, 2008
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	51.76	48.23	21.62	7.91	2.12	0.62
Last Week <i>11-25-2008</i>	54.87	45.12	21.39	8.24	2.06	0.51
3 Months Ago <i>09-02-2008</i>	47.98	52.01	23.90	8.16	1.56	0.14
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>12-04-2007</i>	41.44	58.56	36.33	20.68	6.15	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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