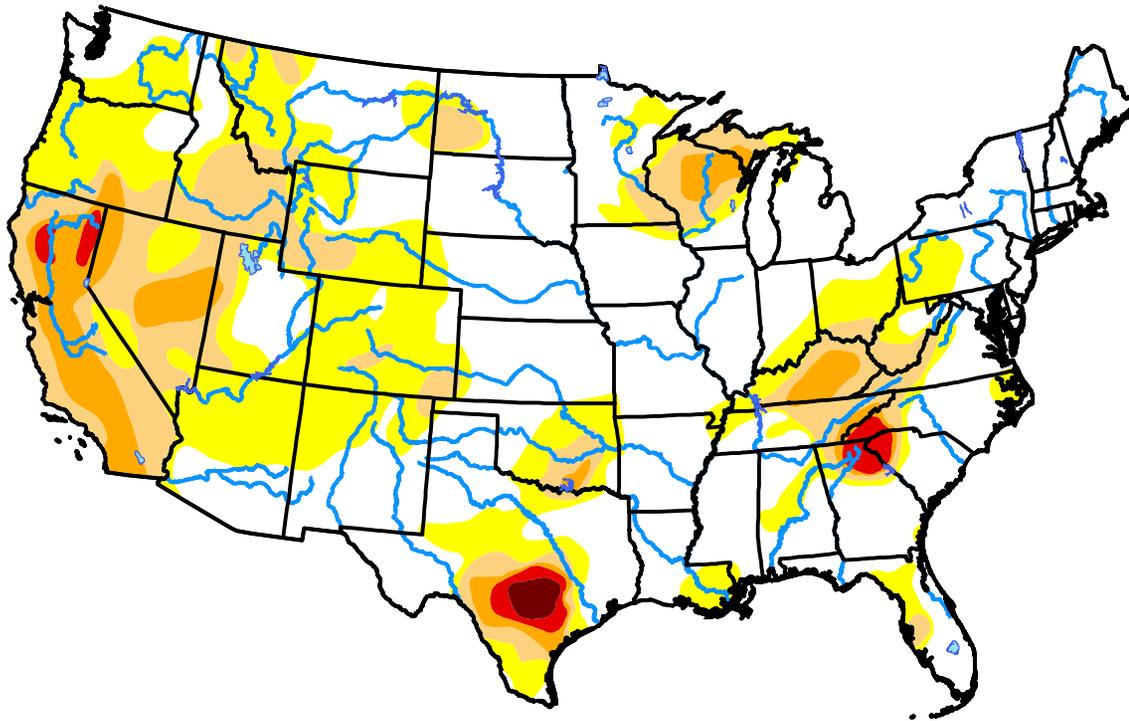


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.07	46.92	20.86	7.19	1.56	0.37
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	52.69	47.30	21.77	8.59	2.21	0.77
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	54.58	45.41	21.86	7.52	1.38	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>12-18-2007</i>	46.38	53.61	34.67	20.86	6.42	3.75

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>

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