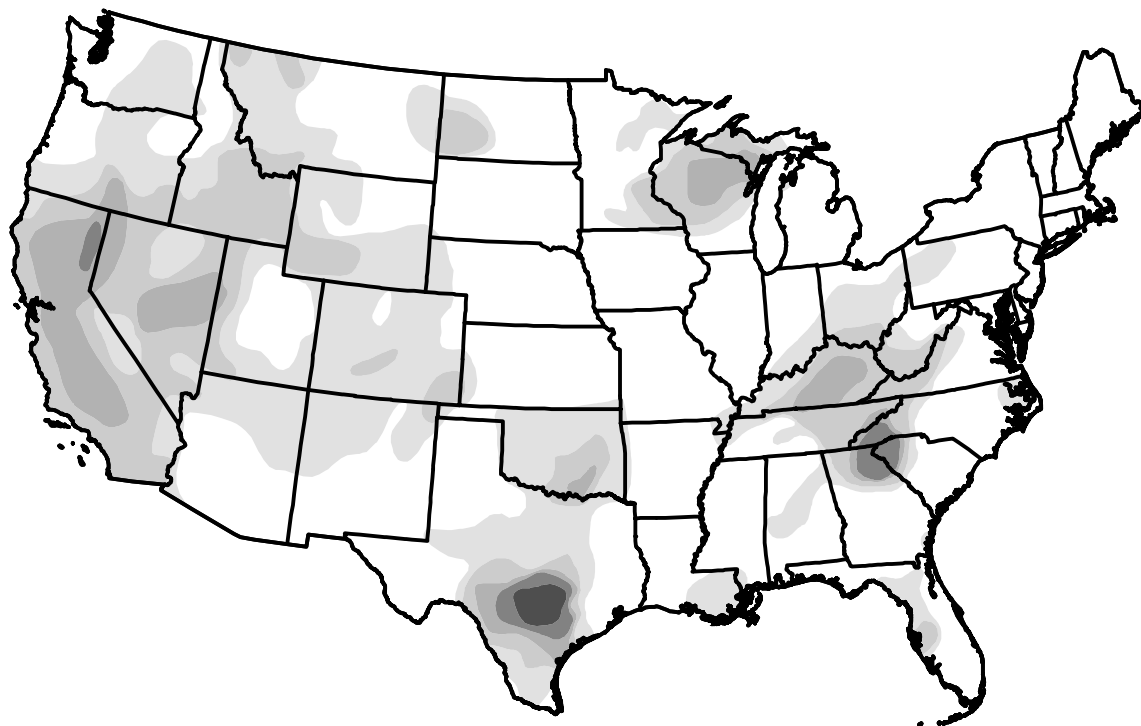


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	54.32	25.33	13.66	5.33	0.99	0.37
Last Week <i>12-16-2008</i>	53.07	26.06	13.67	5.62	1.20	0.37
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2008</i>	55.91	21.24	14.75	6.58	1.33	0.18
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>12-25-2007</i>	46.37	19.09	13.75	14.37	2.66	3.75

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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