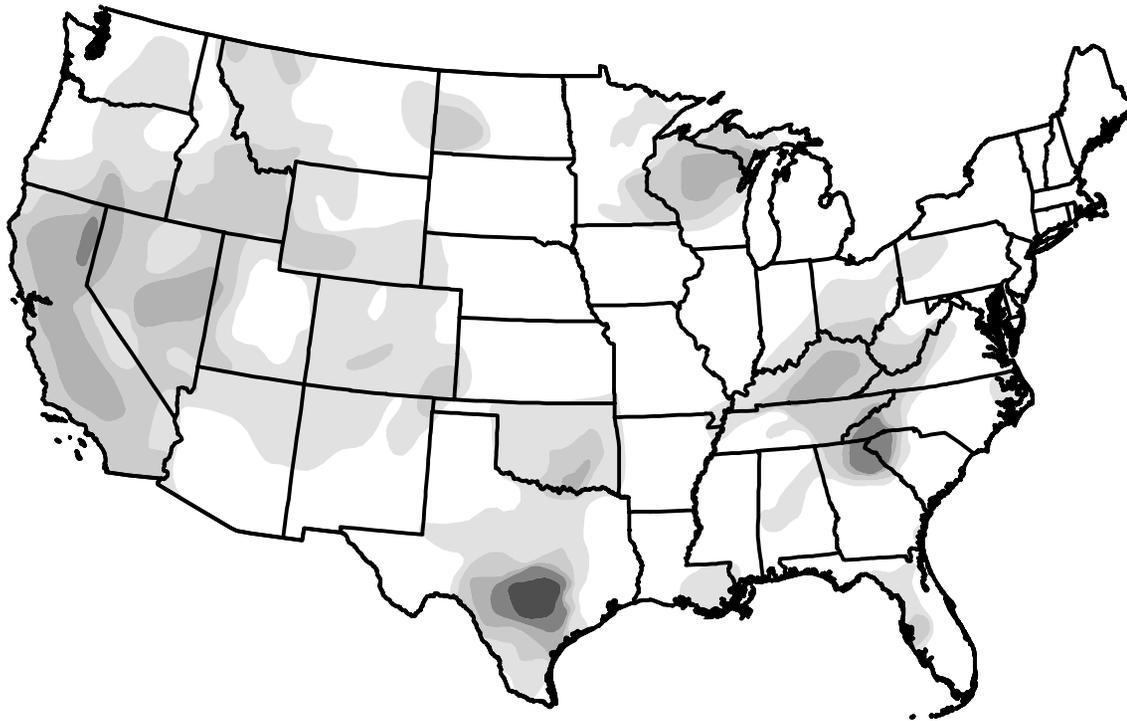


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.32	45.68	20.35	6.68	1.35	0.37
Last Week <i>12-16-2008</i>	53.07	46.92	20.86	7.19	1.56	0.37
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2008</i>	55.91	44.08	22.84	8.09	1.51	0.18
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>12-25-2007</i>	46.37	53.62	34.53	20.78	6.41	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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