

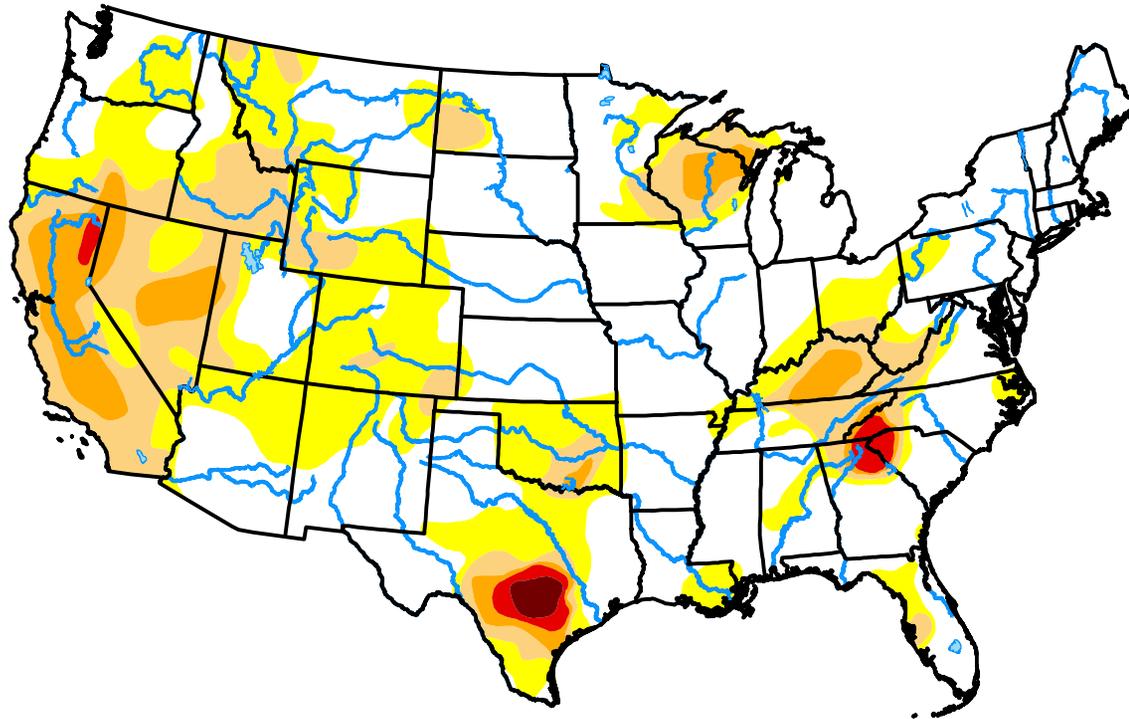
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**December 23, 2008**  
 (Released Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	57.89	42.10	17.12	5.68	1.15	0.31
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-16-2008</i>	56.84	43.15	17.55	6.10	1.32	0.31
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-23-2008</i>	58.64	41.35	19.21	6.82	1.28	0.15
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2008</i>	49.26	50.73	29.21	17.04	4.81	1.99
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	57.12	42.87	19.81	7.49	1.56	0.15
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-25-2007</i>	52.22	47.77	28.85	17.36	5.35	3.13



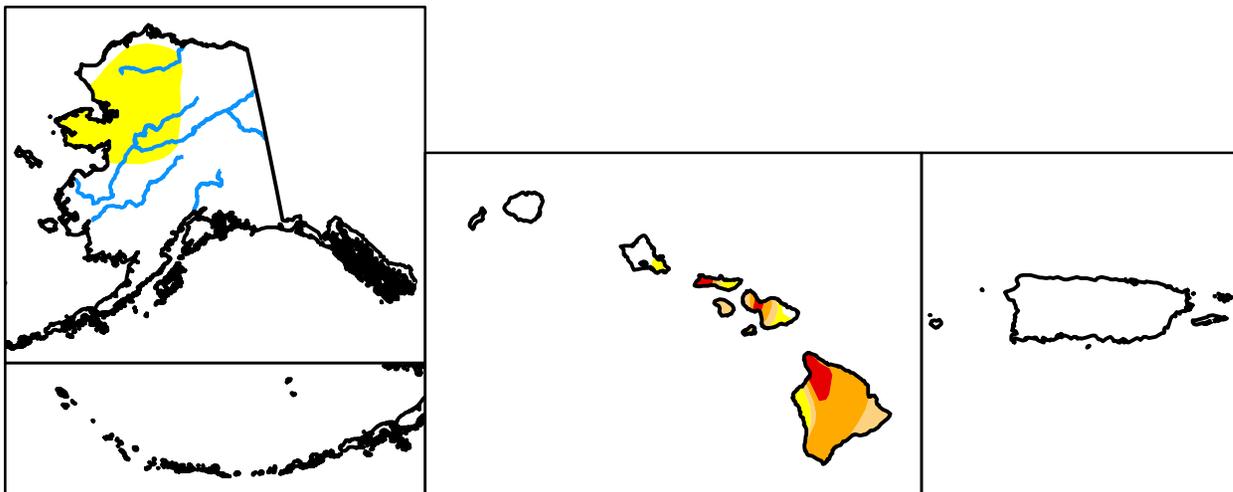
**Intensity:**



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