

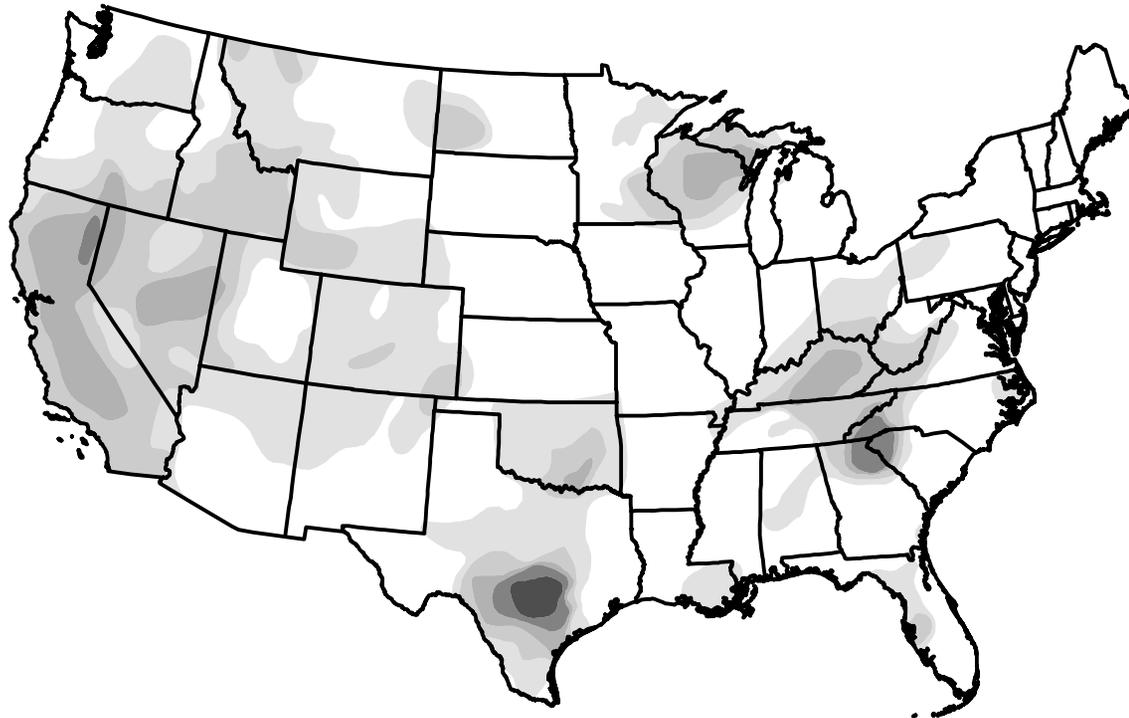
U.S. Drought Monitor

U.S. States and Puerto Rico

December 23, 2008
 (Released Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008)
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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



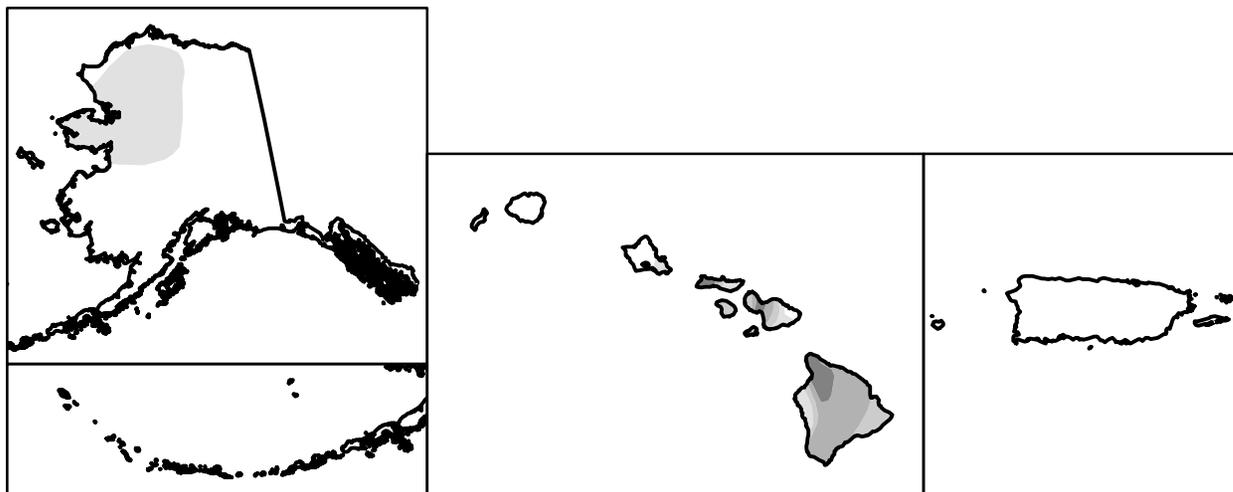
Intensity:



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