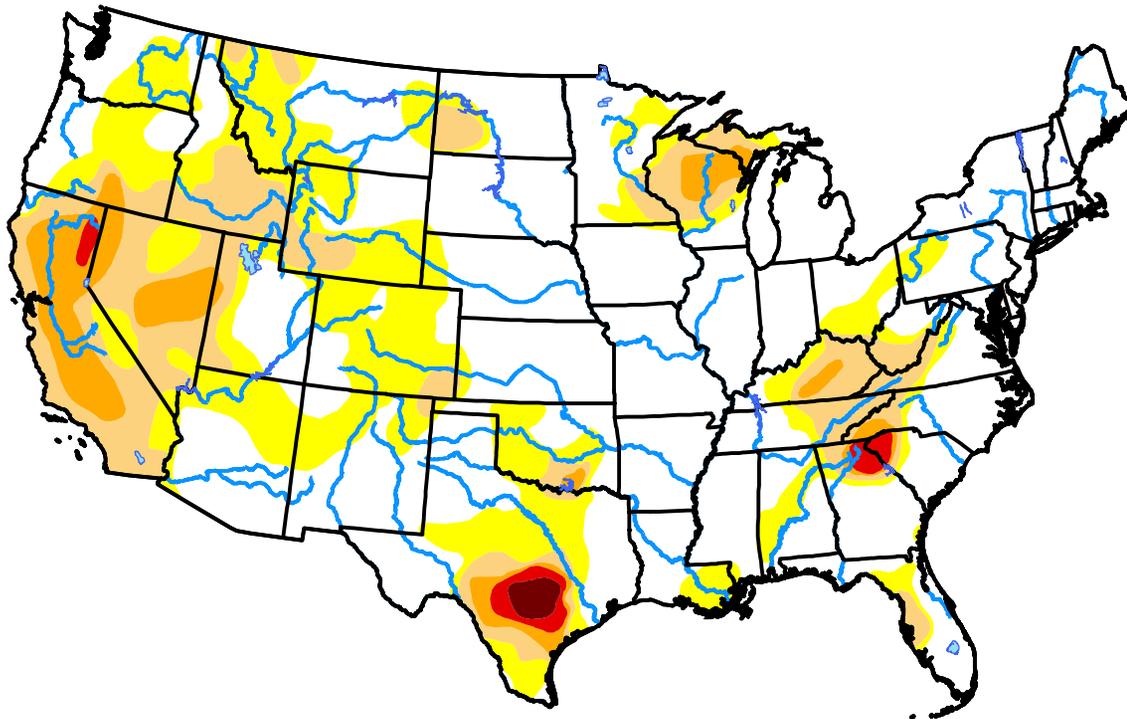


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 30, 2008
 (Released Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009)
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.20	41.79	19.19	6.17	1.24	0.37
Last Week <i>12-23-2008</i>	54.32	45.68	20.35	6.68	1.35	0.37
3 Months Ago <i>09-30-2008</i>	54.09	45.90	23.55	8.89	1.84	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>01-01-2008</i>	45.41	54.58	34.96	20.39	5.75	2.38

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>

Author:

Brian Fuchs
 National Drought Mitigation Center



droughtmonitor.unl.edu