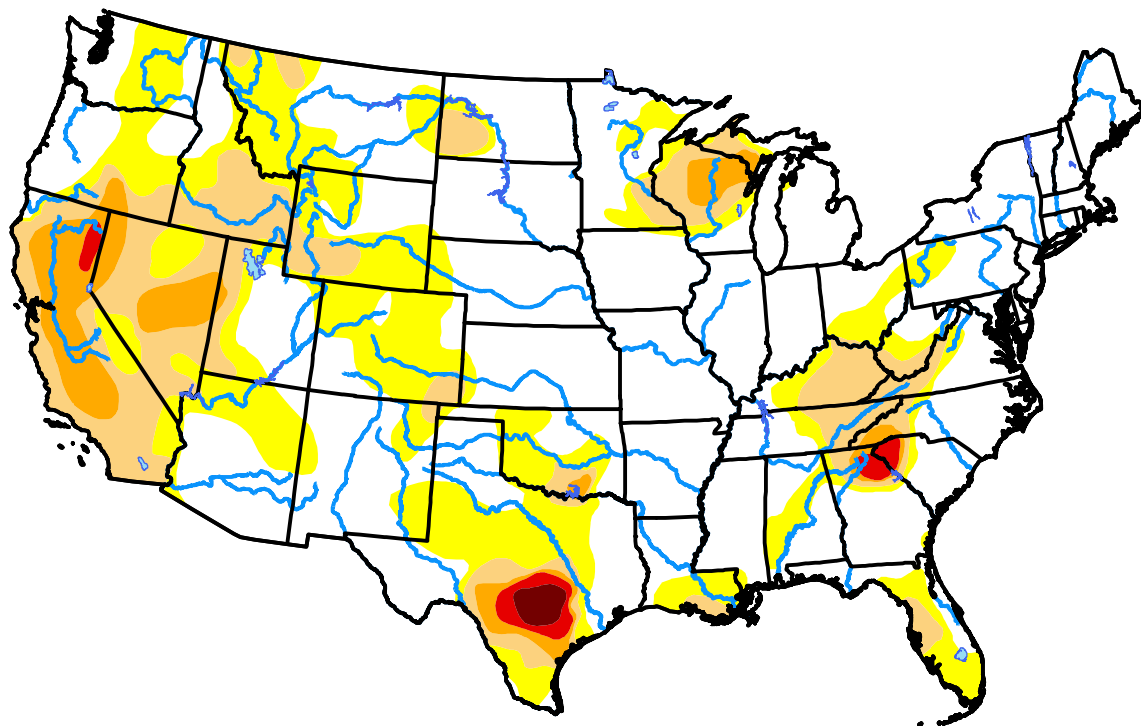


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.71	42.28	19.20	5.93	1.21	0.37
Last Week <i>12-30-2008</i>	58.20	41.79	19.19	6.17	1.24	0.37
3 Months Ago <i>10-07-2008</i>	54.73	45.26	23.15	9.02	1.73	0.18
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	58.20	41.79	19.19	6.17	1.24	0.37
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>01-08-2008</i>	43.58	56.41	35.41	18.25	4.71	2.51

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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