

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**January 6, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 60.73 | 39.26 | 16.14 | 5.01  | 1.02  | 0.31 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i>              | 61.13 | 38.86 | 16.16 | 5.25  | 1.05  | 0.31 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-07-2008</i>           | 57.65 | 42.34 | 19.47 | 7.60  | 1.47  | 0.15 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 61.13 | 38.86 | 16.16 | 5.25  | 1.05  | 0.31 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 57.12 | 42.87 | 19.81 | 7.49  | 1.56  | 0.15 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-08-2008</i>           | 47.78 | 52.21 | 29.58 | 15.25 | 3.93  | 2.09 |

**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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