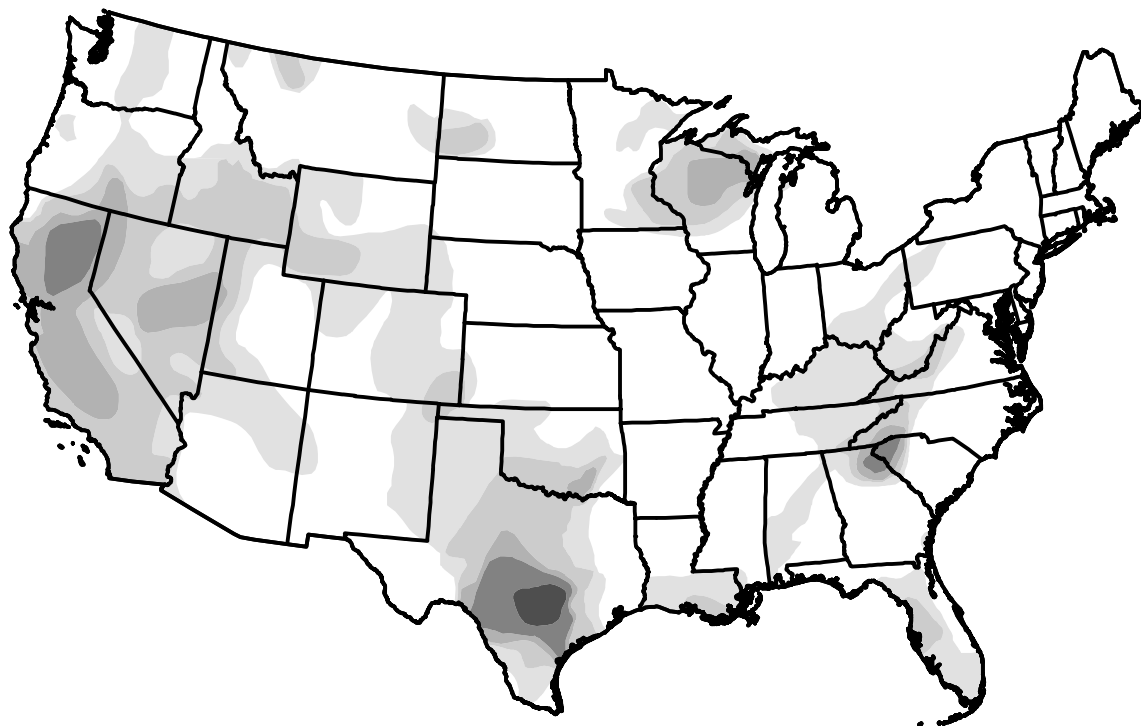


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	58.57	22.13	12.40	4.63	1.89	0.37
Last Week <i>01-13-2009</i>	58.23	22.33	12.97	4.83	1.27	0.37
3 Months Ago <i>10-21-2008</i>	56.46	21.12	12.95	7.73	1.61	0.12
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	58.20	22.60	13.02	4.94	0.87	0.37
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	54.09	22.35	14.66	7.05	1.66	0.18
One Year Ago <i>01-22-2008</i>	44.20	21.32	16.60	13.72	1.98	2.18

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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