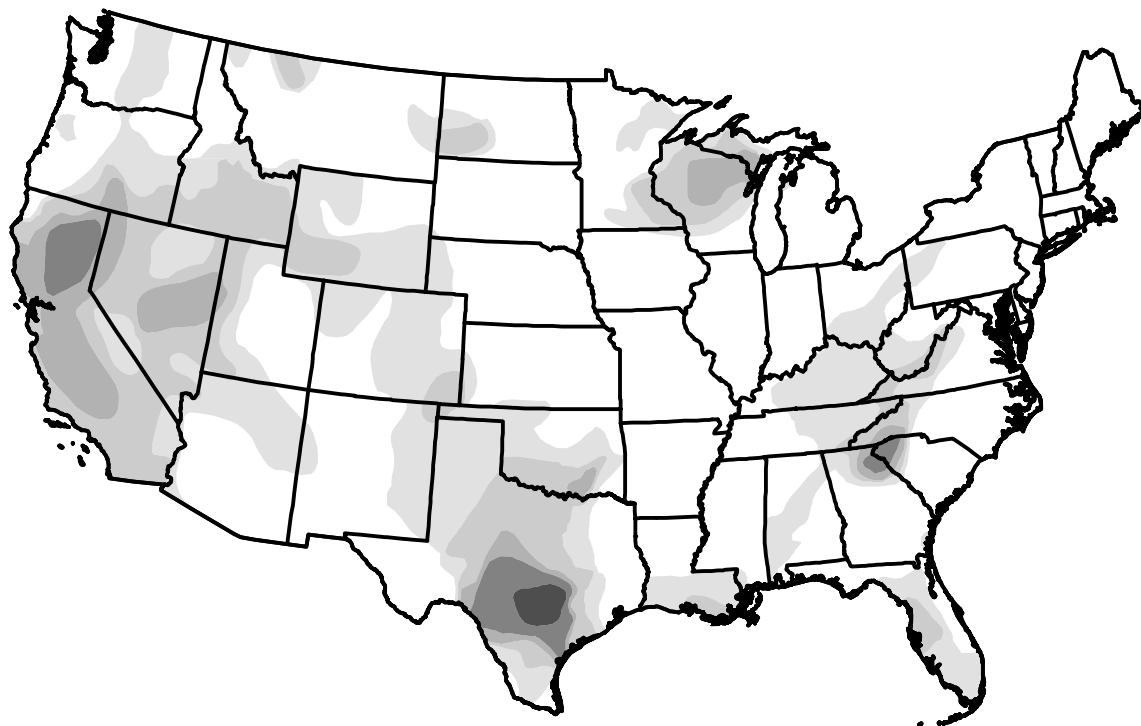


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

January 20, 2009
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.57	41.42	19.29	6.89	2.26	0.37
Last Week <i>01-13-2009</i>	58.23	41.76	19.43	6.46	1.63	0.37
3 Months Ago <i>10-21-2008</i>	56.46	43.54	22.42	9.47	1.73	0.12
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>01-22-2008</i>	44.20	55.80	34.48	17.88	4.16	2.18

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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