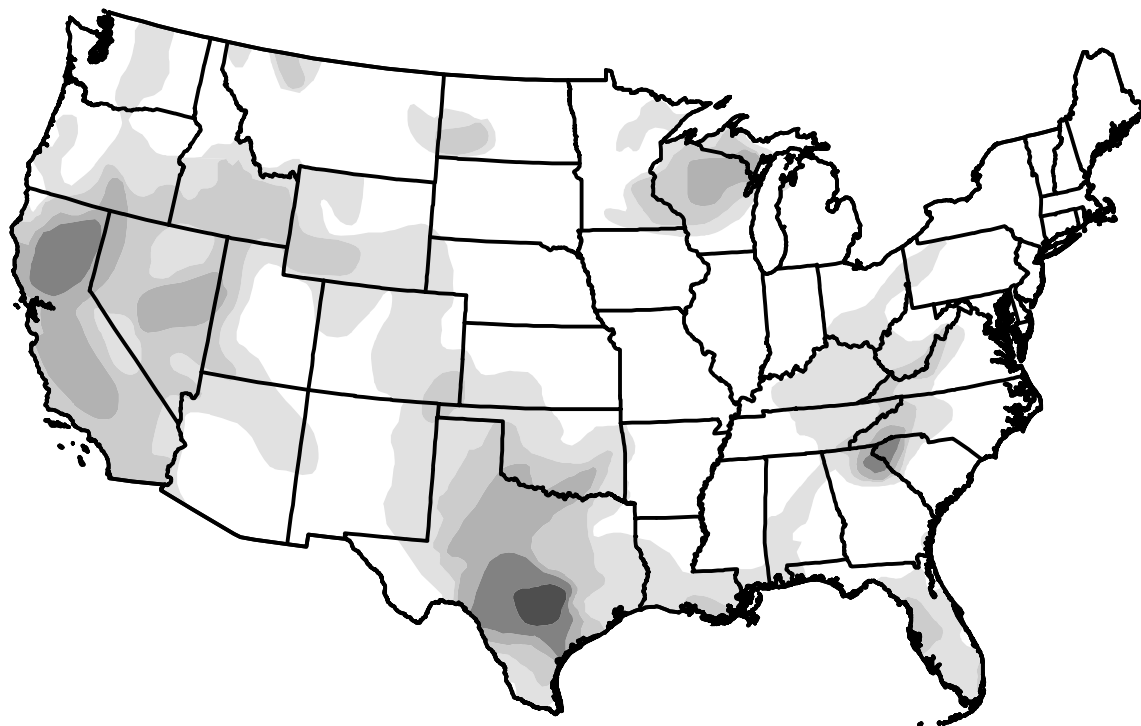


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.95	45.04	21.07	8.42	2.45	0.37
Last Week <i>01-20-2009</i>	58.57	41.42	19.29	6.89	2.26	0.37
3 Months Ago <i>10-28-2008</i>	58.34	41.66	21.59	9.39	1.70	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>01-29-2008</i>	43.59	56.41	31.57	16.19	4.40	2.29

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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