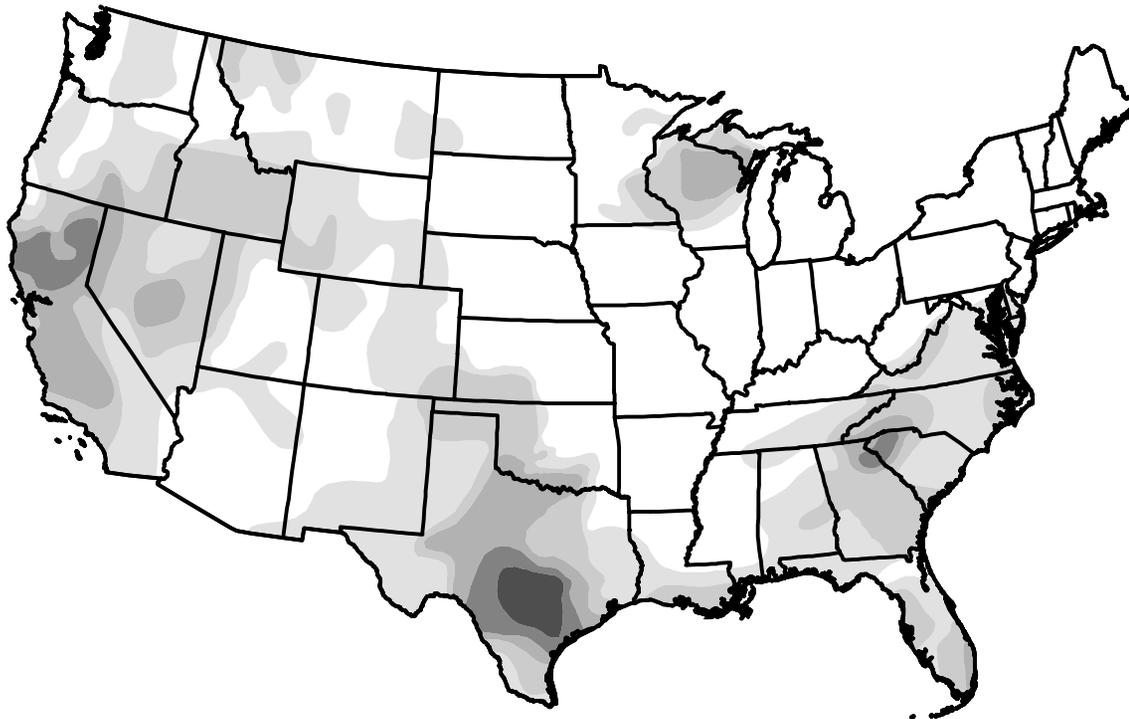


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**February 24, 2009**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 50.35 | 25.63 | 15.02 | 6.27  | 1.96 | 0.75 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-17-2009</i>              | 50.61 | 28.29 | 11.82 | 6.47  | 2.06 | 0.75 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-25-2008</i>           | 54.87 | 23.73 | 13.15 | 6.18  | 1.55 | 0.51 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 58.20 | 22.60 | 13.02 | 4.94  | 0.87 | 0.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 54.09 | 22.35 | 14.66 | 7.05  | 1.66 | 0.18 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-26-2008</i>           | 50.09 | 20.72 | 14.14 | 11.70 | 2.26 | 1.09 |

Intensity:



*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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