

U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

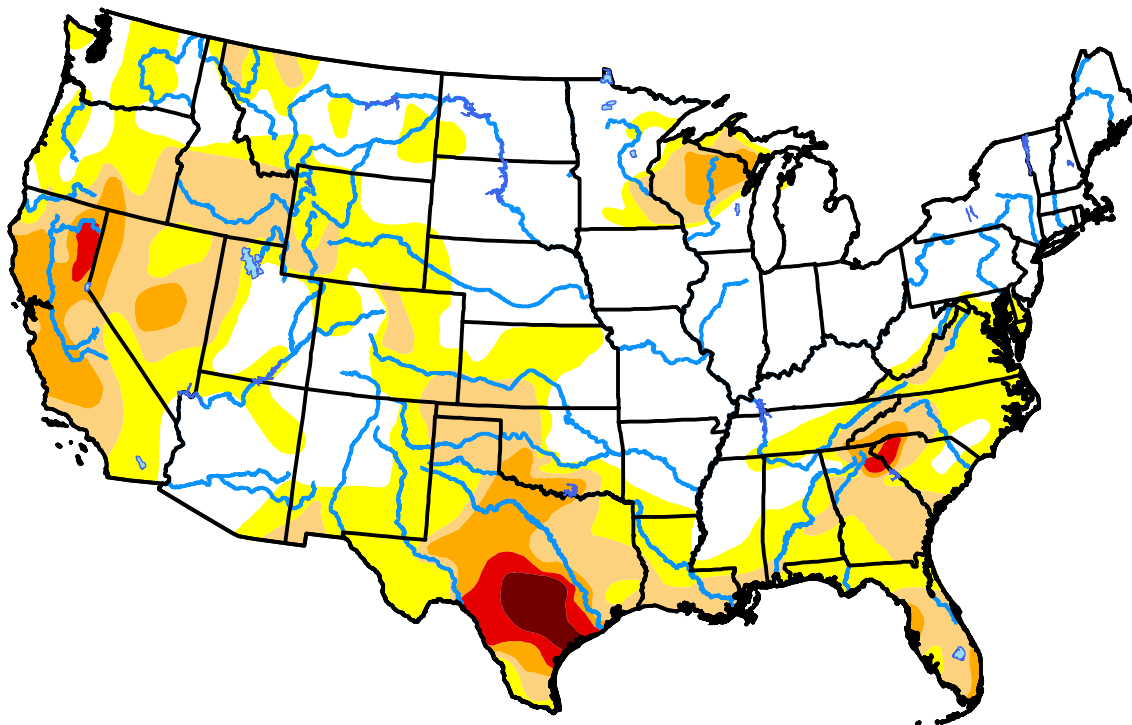
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	47.06	27.24	16.99	6.41	1.45	0.85
Last Week <i>02-24-2009</i>	50.35	25.63	15.02	6.27	1.96	0.75
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2008</i>	51.76	26.62	13.71	5.80	1.49	0.62
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>03-04-2008</i>	51.90	19.63	13.20	11.98	2.38	0.89



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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