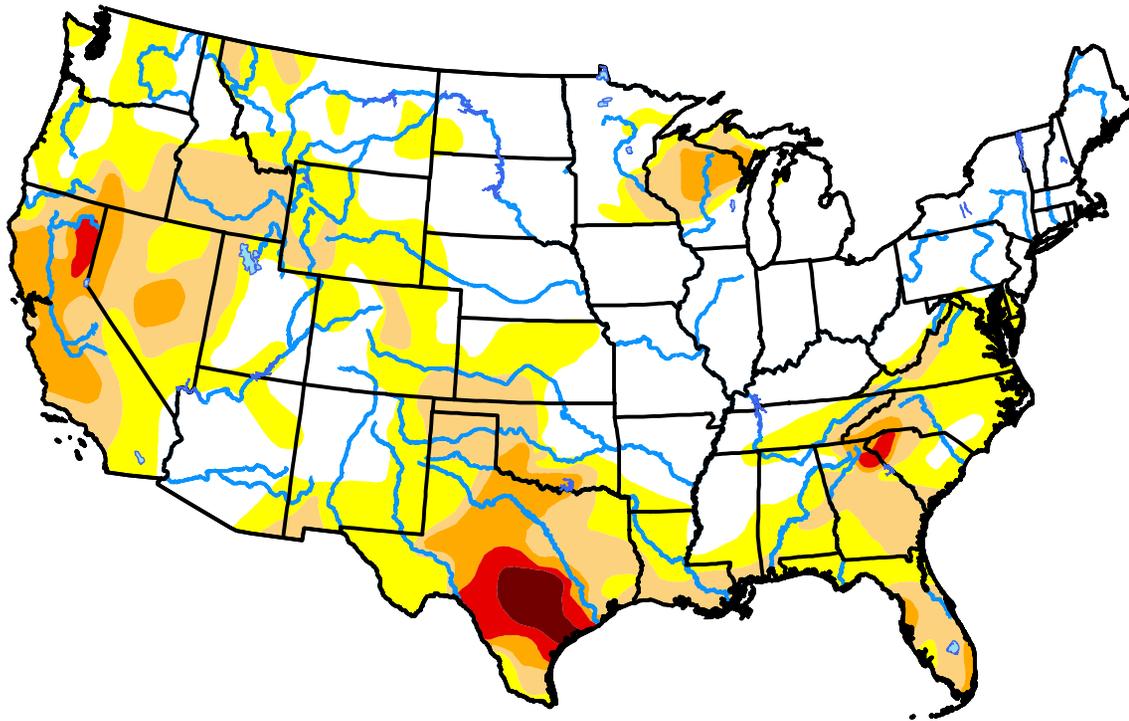


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.06	52.93	25.69	8.70	2.29	0.85
Last Week <i>02-24-2009</i>	50.35	49.64	24.01	8.98	2.71	0.75
3 Months Ago <i>12-02-2008</i>	51.76	48.23	21.62	7.91	2.12	0.62
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>03-04-2008</i>	51.90	48.09	28.46	15.26	3.28	0.89

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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