

U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

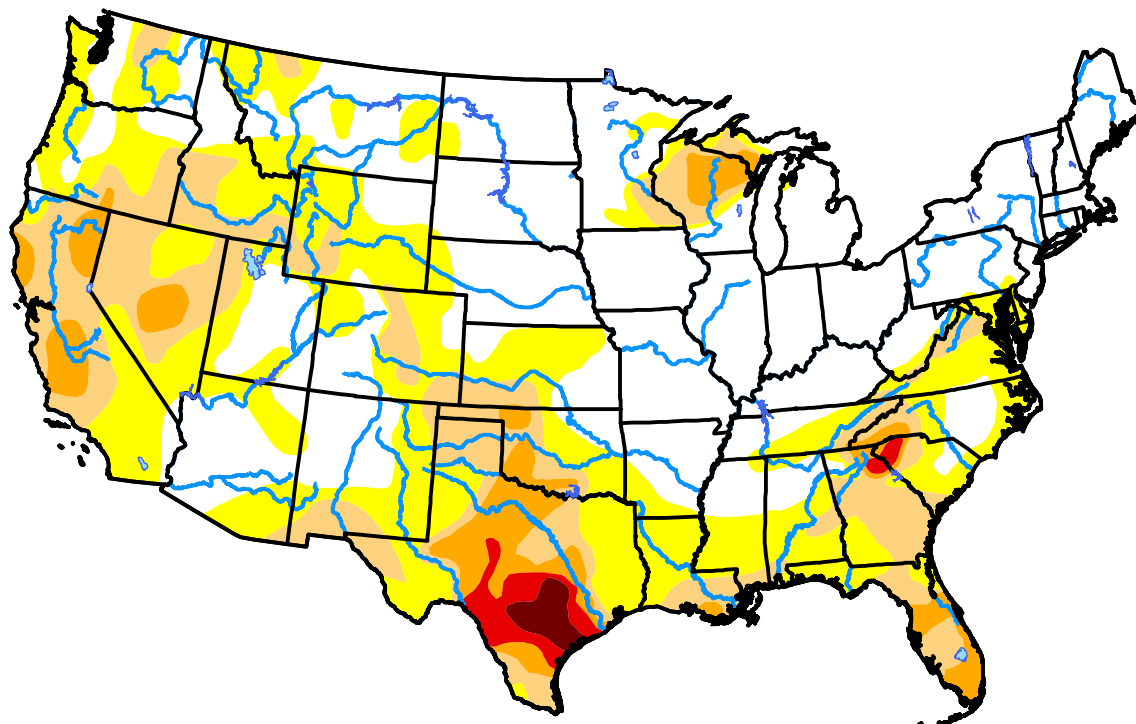
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.87	29.63	16.67	5.92	1.27	0.62
Last Week <i>03-10-2009</i>	45.64	28.64	18.07	5.51	1.28	0.85
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	53.07	26.06	13.67	5.62	1.20	0.37
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>03-18-2008</i>	53.37	16.98	16.02	10.96	2.54	0.11



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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