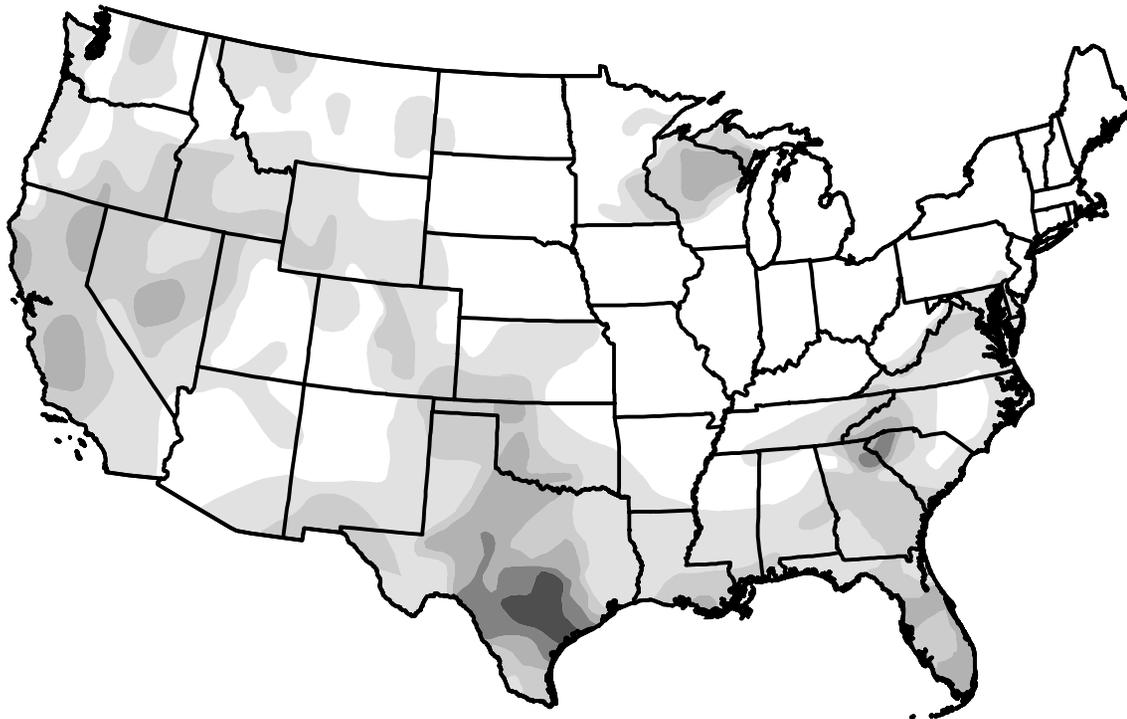


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Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.87	54.12	24.49	7.82	1.90	0.62
Last Week <i>03-10-2009</i>	45.64	54.35	25.71	7.64	2.13	0.85
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	53.07	46.92	20.86	7.19	1.56	0.37
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>03-18-2008</i>	53.37	46.62	29.64	13.62	2.65	0.11

Intensity:



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