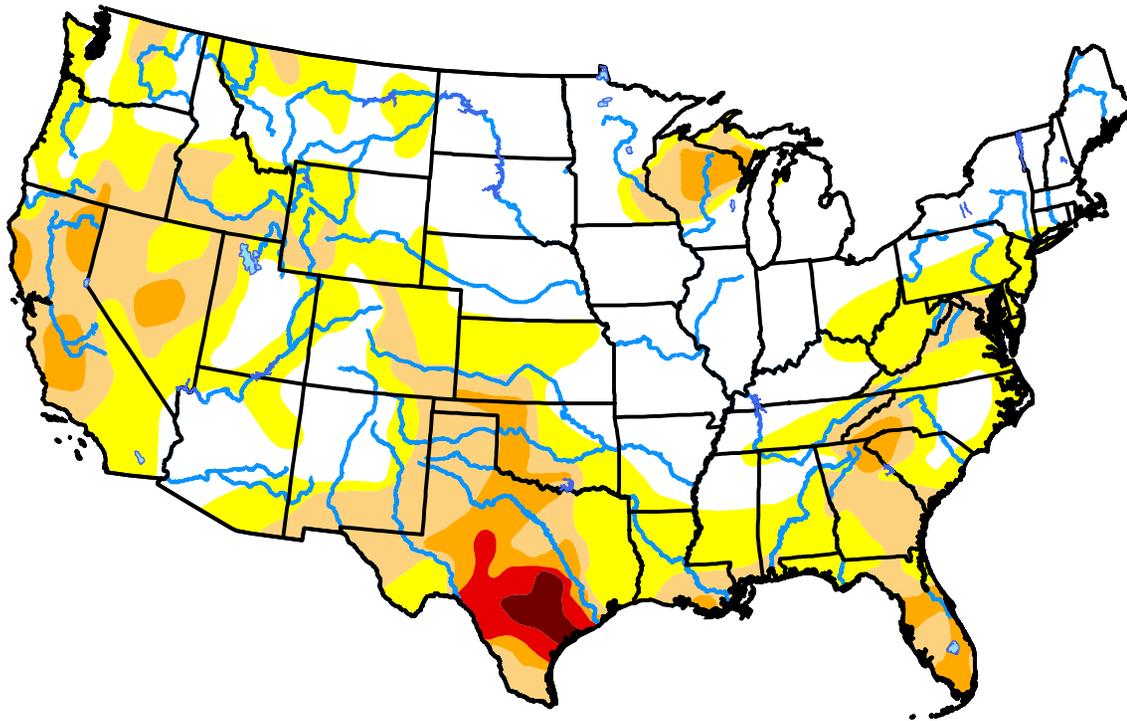


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**March 24, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	42.78	30.62	18.51	6.18	1.28	0.62
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-17-2009</i>	45.87	29.63	16.67	5.92	1.27	0.62
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	54.32	25.33	13.66	5.33	0.99	0.37
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	58.20	22.60	13.02	4.94	0.87	0.37
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	54.09	22.35	14.66	7.05	1.66	0.18
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-25-2008</i>	53.69	18.04	15.69	10.07	2.51	0.00

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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