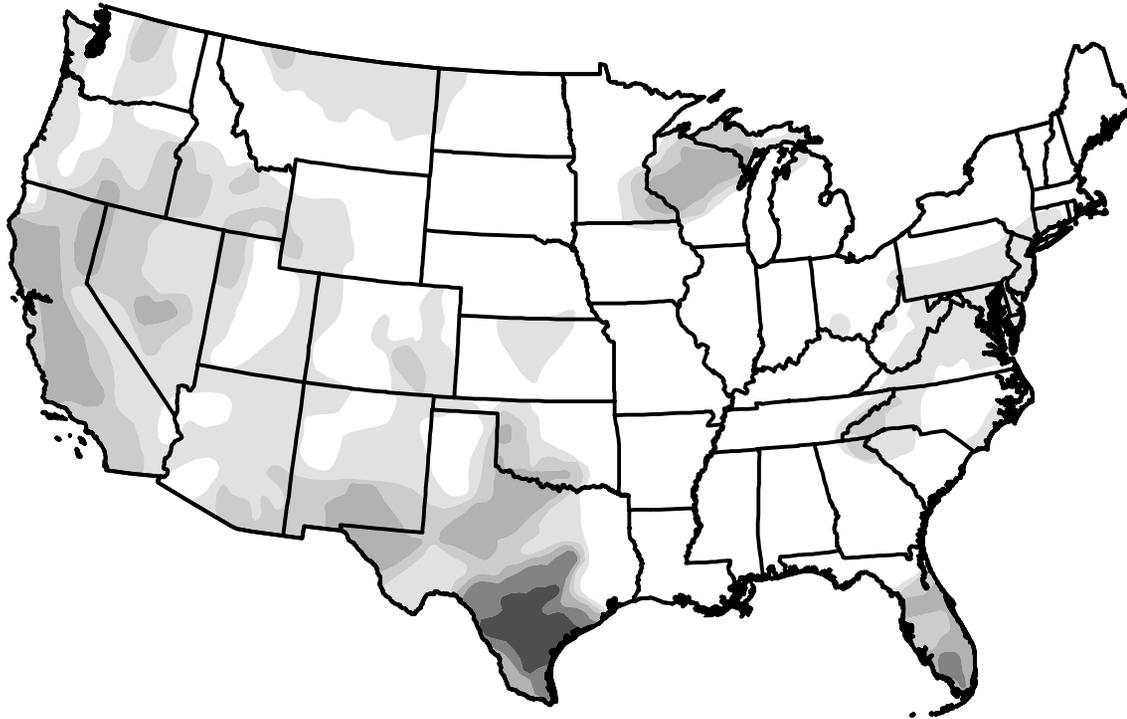


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**April 21, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.22	43.77	19.33	8.94	2.15	0.99
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-14-2009</i>	54.59	45.40	20.79	9.34	2.29	1.01
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-20-2009</i>	58.57	41.42	19.29	6.89	2.26	0.37
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	58.20	41.79	19.19	6.17	1.24	0.37
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	54.09	45.90	23.55	8.89	1.84	0.18
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-22-2008</i>	54.53	45.46	26.92	9.15	2.51	0.29

***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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