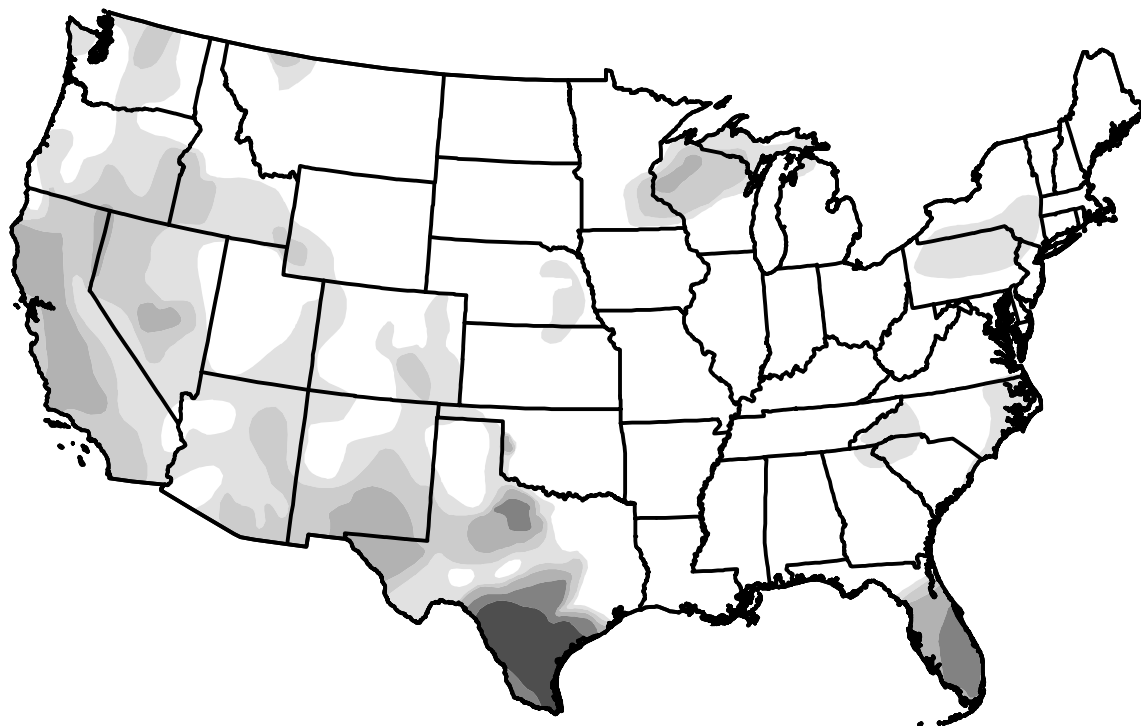


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	65.12	17.76	9.62	4.84	1.33	1.31
Last Week <i>05-05-2009</i>	60.91	21.84	9.86	5.26	1.26	0.86
3 Months Ago <i>02-10-2009</i>	49.86	28.17	12.37	6.72	2.21	0.67
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>05-13-2008</i>	53.82	21.62	15.93	6.53	2.09	0.00

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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