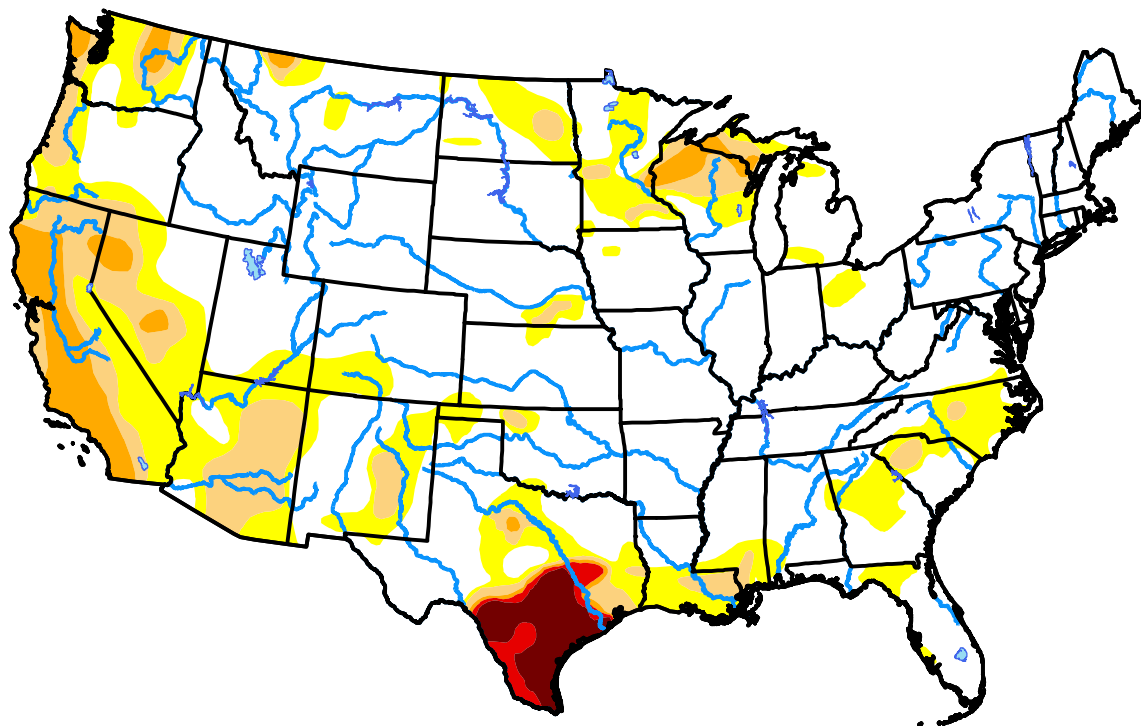


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 68.13 | 31.87 | 14.13 | 6.02  | 2.33  | 1.66 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-18-2009</i>              | 66.75 | 33.25 | 12.55 | 6.45  | 2.57  | 1.60 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-26-2009</i>           | 69.36 | 30.63 | 14.51 | 5.67  | 1.53  | 0.59 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 58.20 | 41.79 | 19.19 | 6.17  | 1.24  | 0.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 54.09 | 45.90 | 23.55 | 8.89  | 1.84  | 0.18 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-26-2008</i>           | 46.88 | 53.11 | 23.16 | 9.17  | 1.91  | 0.14 |

**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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