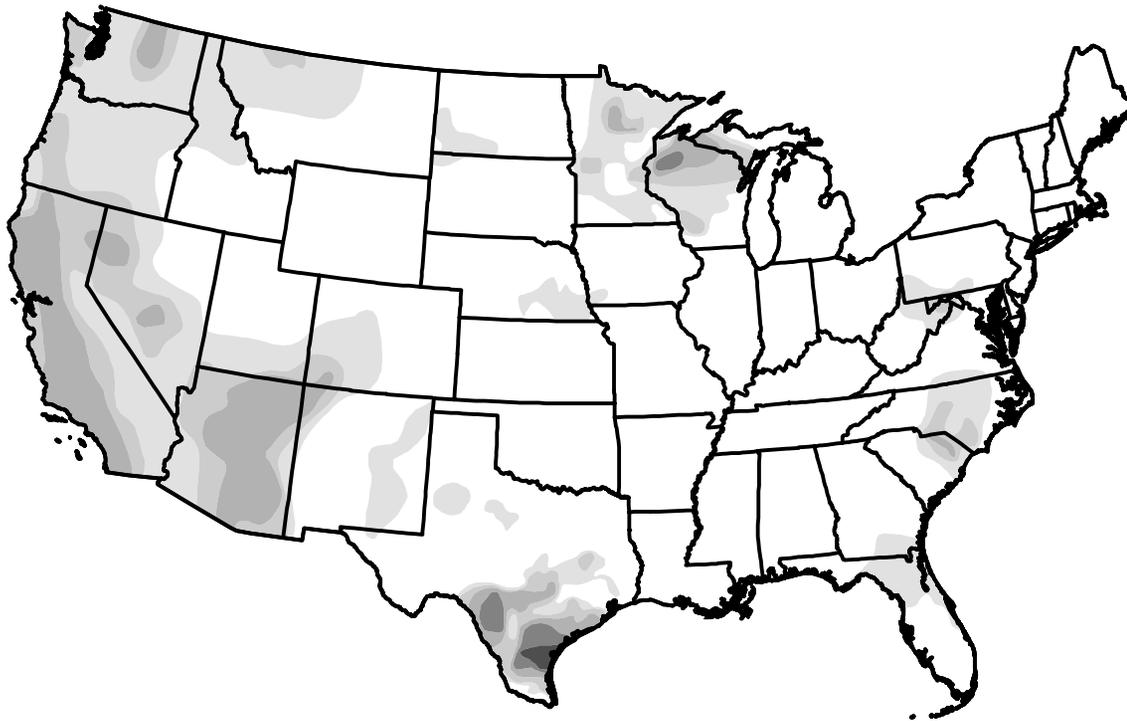


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**October 13, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	67.24	18.55	7.32	6.25	0.50	0.13
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-06-2009</i>	66.06	19.35	8.90	4.94	0.61	0.13
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-14-2009</i>	63.78	21.09	8.71	4.23	0.60	1.58
<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>09-29-2009</i>	63.98	21.03	8.80	4.88	1.02	0.28
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-14-2008</i>	58.10	20.77	12.11	7.28	1.61	0.12

***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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