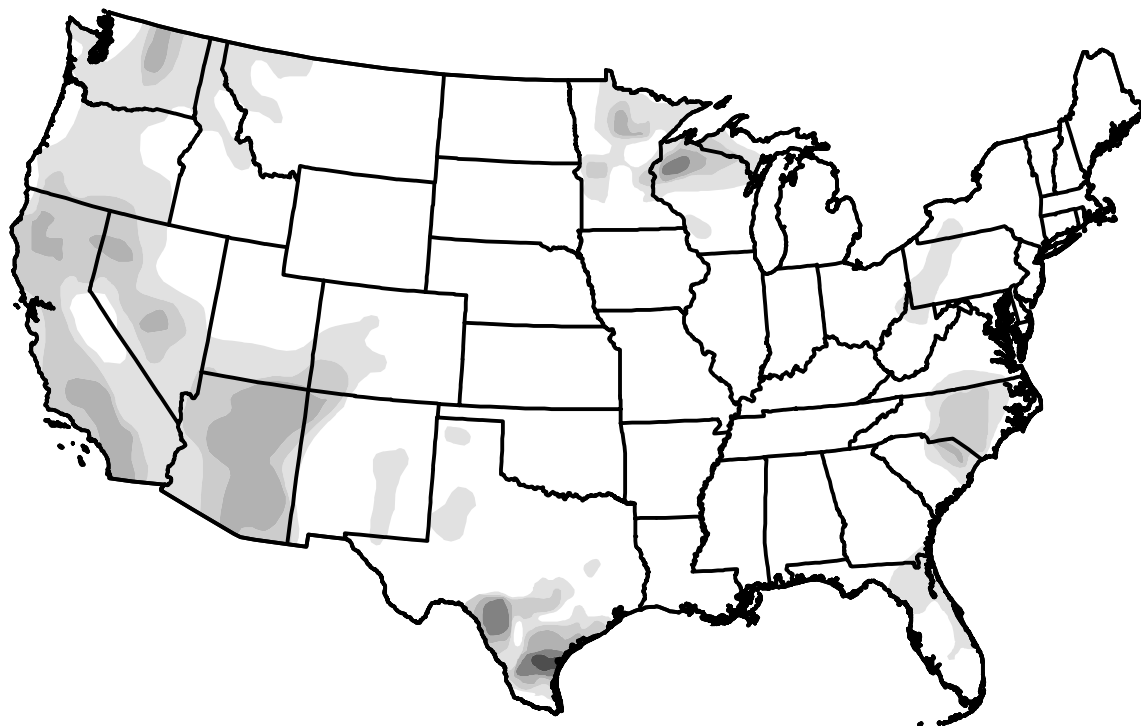


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**October 27, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 73.03 | 26.96 | 11.93 | 4.61  | 0.46  | 0.08 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-20-2009</i>              | 69.48 | 30.51 | 12.81 | 5.32  | 0.68  | 0.13 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-28-2009</i>           | 64.88 | 35.11 | 13.84 | 6.81  | 2.18  | 1.65 |
| <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>09-29-2009</i>    | 63.98 | 36.01 | 14.98 | 6.18  | 1.30  | 0.28 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-28-2008</i>           | 58.34 | 41.66 | 21.59 | 9.39  | 1.70  | 0.12 |

**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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