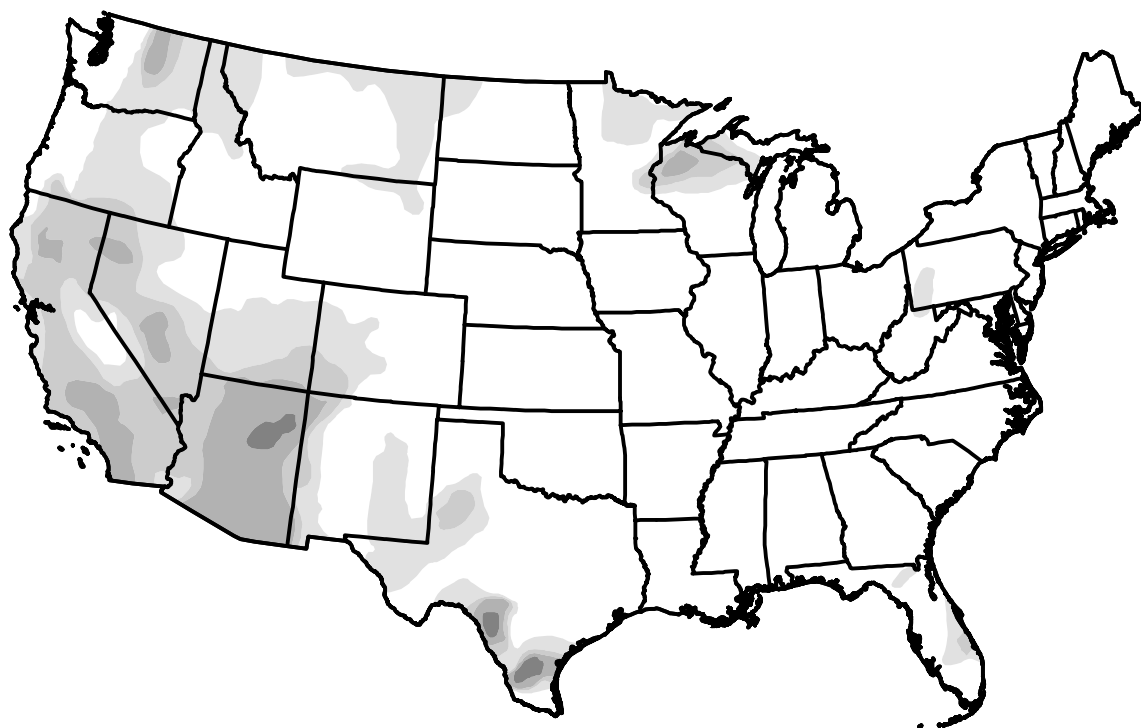


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 8, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 72.87 | 14.23 | 7.66  | 4.82 | 0.40 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-01-2009</i>              | 72.91 | 13.97 | 7.89  | 4.75 | 0.47 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-08-2009</i>           | 65.65 | 19.35 | 9.20  | 3.60 | 0.78 | 1.42 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 58.20 | 22.60 | 13.02 | 4.94 | 0.87 | 0.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2009</i>    | 63.98 | 21.03 | 8.80  | 4.88 | 1.02 | 0.28 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-09-2008</i>           | 52.69 | 25.52 | 13.18 | 6.38 | 1.45 | 0.77 |

### 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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