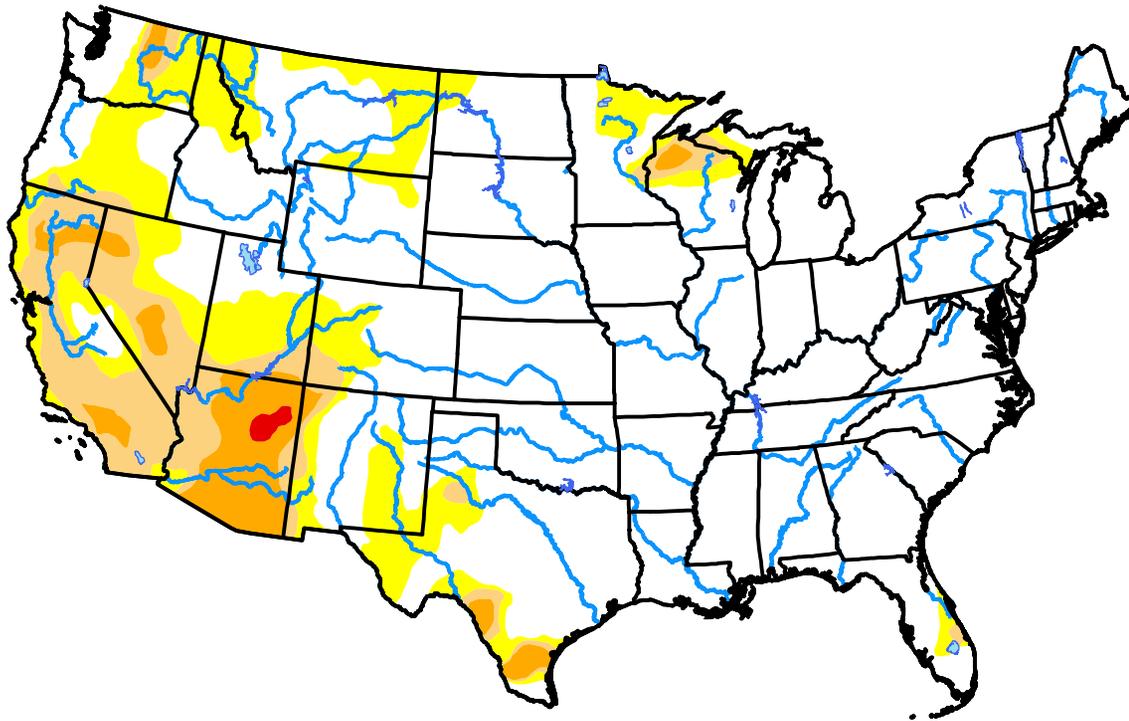


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 15, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	72.64	14.77	8.15	4.25	0.19	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-08-2009</i>	72.87	14.23	7.66	4.82	0.40	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-15-2009</i>	67.45	17.90	9.10	4.15	1.10	0.30
<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>12-16-2008</i>	53.07	26.06	13.67	5.62	1.20	0.37

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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