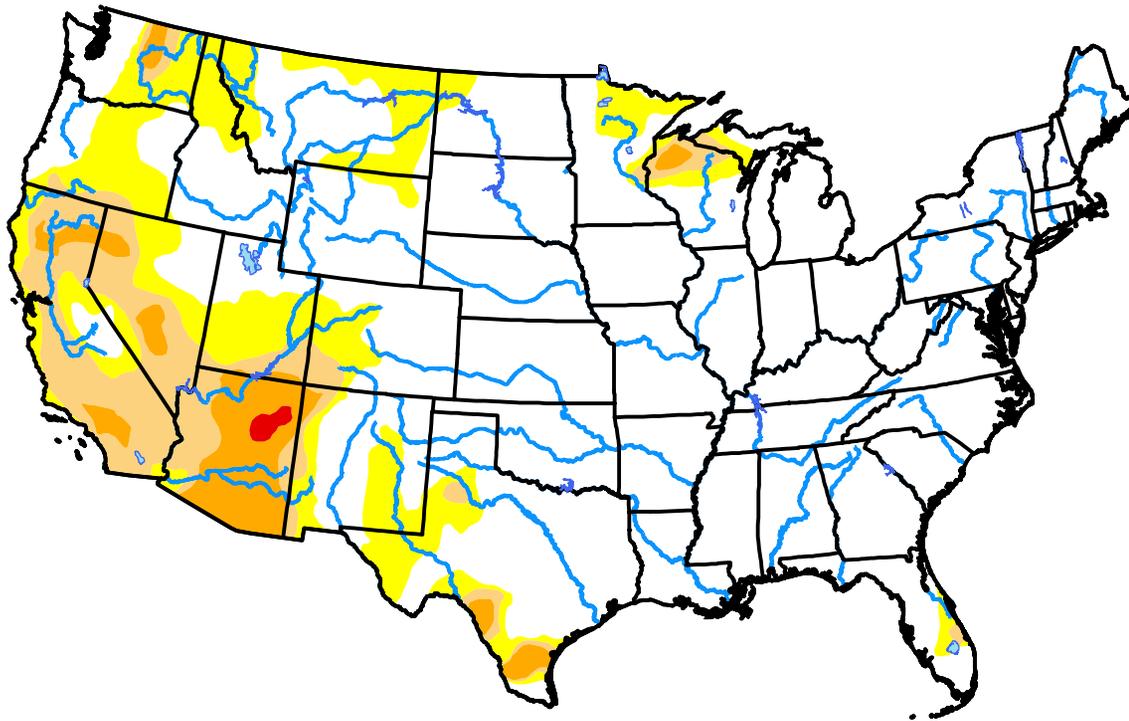


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 15, 2009
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	72.64	27.36	12.59	4.44	0.19	0.00
Last Week <i>12-08-2009</i>	72.87	27.12	12.89	5.22	0.40	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2009</i>	67.45	32.54	14.64	5.54	1.40	0.30
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	58.20	41.79	19.19	6.17	1.24	0.37
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	63.98	36.01	14.98	6.18	1.30	0.28
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2008</i>	53.07	46.92	20.86	7.19	1.56	0.37

Intensity:



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