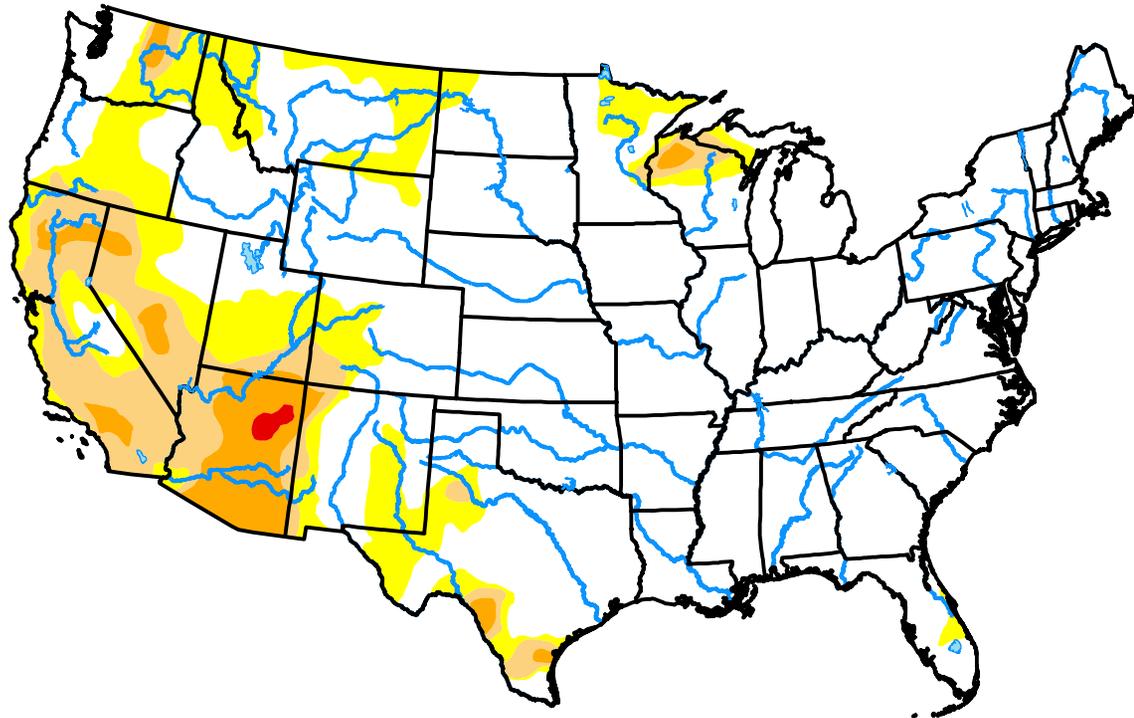


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**December 22, 2009**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	74.38	25.61	10.54	3.59	0.17	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	74.26	25.73	10.61	3.76	0.17	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	70.53	29.46	12.83	5.22	1.31	0.28
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	61.13	38.86	16.16	5.25	1.05	0.31
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	68.40	31.59	12.61	5.22	1.09	0.23
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	57.89	42.10	17.12	5.68	1.15	0.31

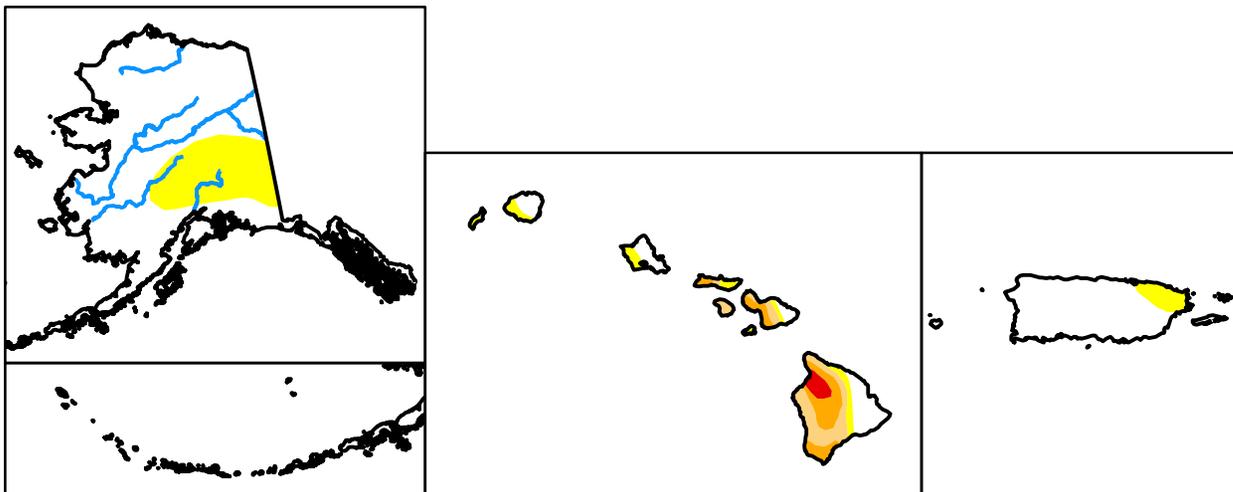
**Intensity:**



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