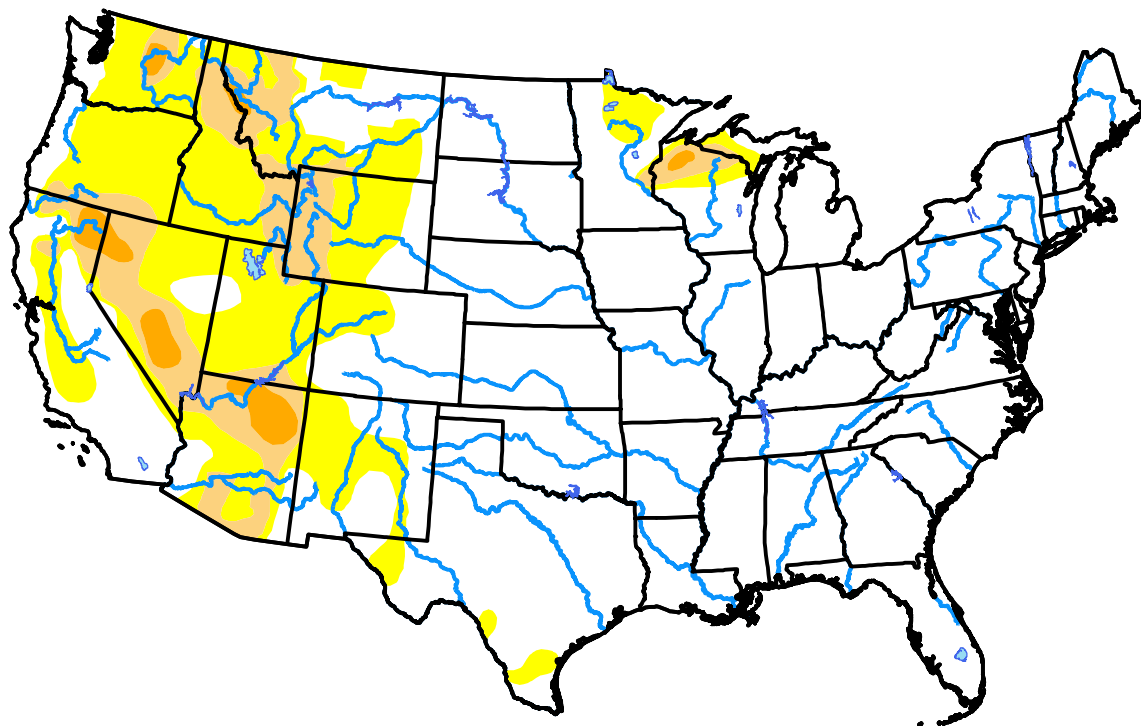


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	71.85	19.11	7.44	1.59	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>02-16-2010</i>	71.44	19.75	7.32	1.48	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-24-2009</i>	72.89	13.95	7.87	4.76	0.47	0.06
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2009</i>	72.07	15.52	8.16	4.05	0.19	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	63.98	21.03	8.80	4.88	1.02	0.28
One Year Ago <i>02-24-2009</i>	50.35	25.63	15.02	6.27	1.96	0.75

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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