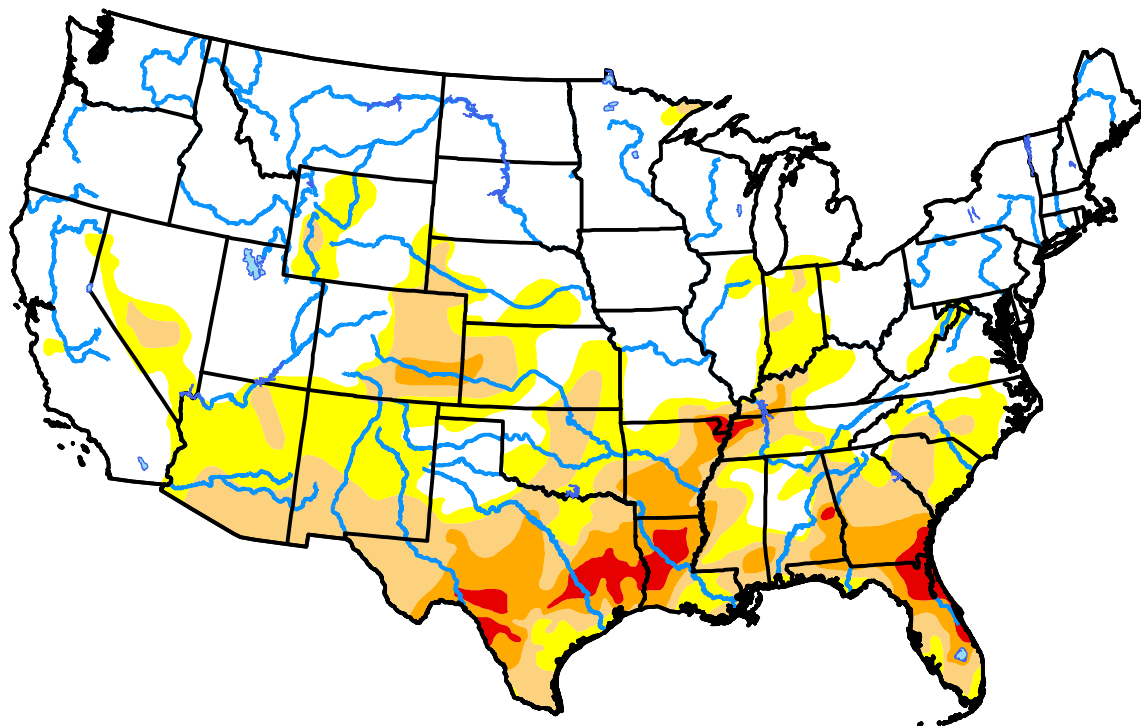


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	58.48	18.18	14.95	6.43	1.95	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2010</i>	57.66	22.54	12.64	5.74	1.41	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2010</i>	63.94	23.85	9.27	2.63	0.30	0.00
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>09-28-2010</i>	60.05	26.78	10.07	2.79	0.30	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2009</i>	72.79	14.69	8.27	4.05	0.19	0.00

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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