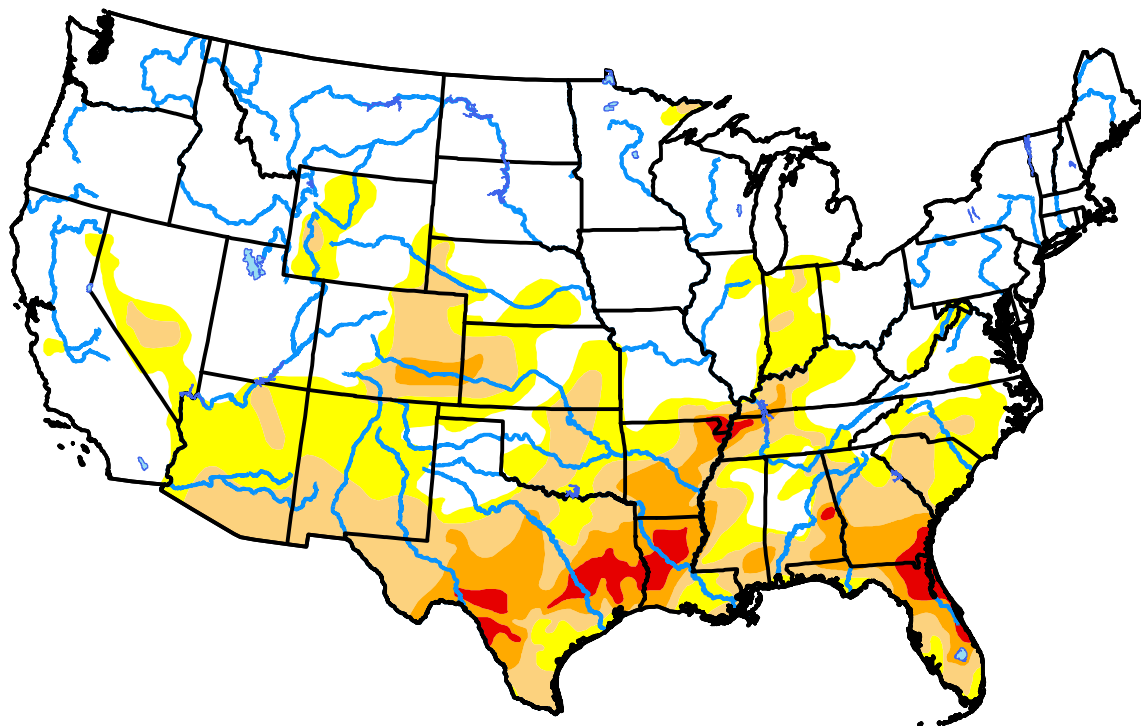


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.48	41.51	23.33	8.38	1.95	0.00
Last Week <i>12-14-2010</i>	57.66	42.34	19.80	7.15	1.41	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-21-2010</i>	63.94	36.05	12.21	2.93	0.30	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2009</i>	72.07	27.93	12.40	4.24	0.19	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2010</i>	60.05	39.94	13.16	3.09	0.30	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2009</i>	72.79	27.20	12.51	4.24	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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