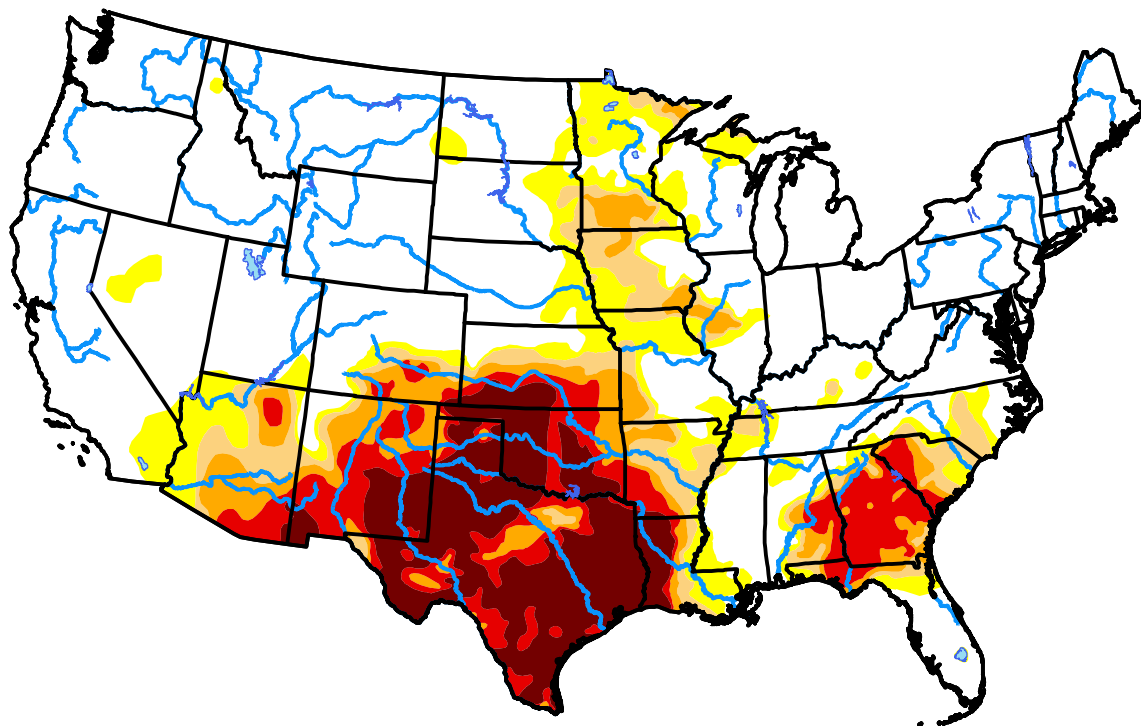


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**October 18, 2011**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 59.32 | 10.84 | 6.15  | 6.25 | 7.52 | 9.91  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-11-2011</i>              | 57.82 | 11.70 | 6.62  | 6.73 | 7.36 | 9.76  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-19-2011</i>           | 62.79 | 8.79  | 5.18  | 5.19 | 7.13 | 10.90 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 60.49 | 17.76 | 13.24 | 5.90 | 2.59 | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 56.44 | 14.42 | 5.69  | 5.64 | 6.43 | 11.37 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-19-2010</i>           | 59.78 | 25.36 | 9.23  | 4.54 | 1.08 | 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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