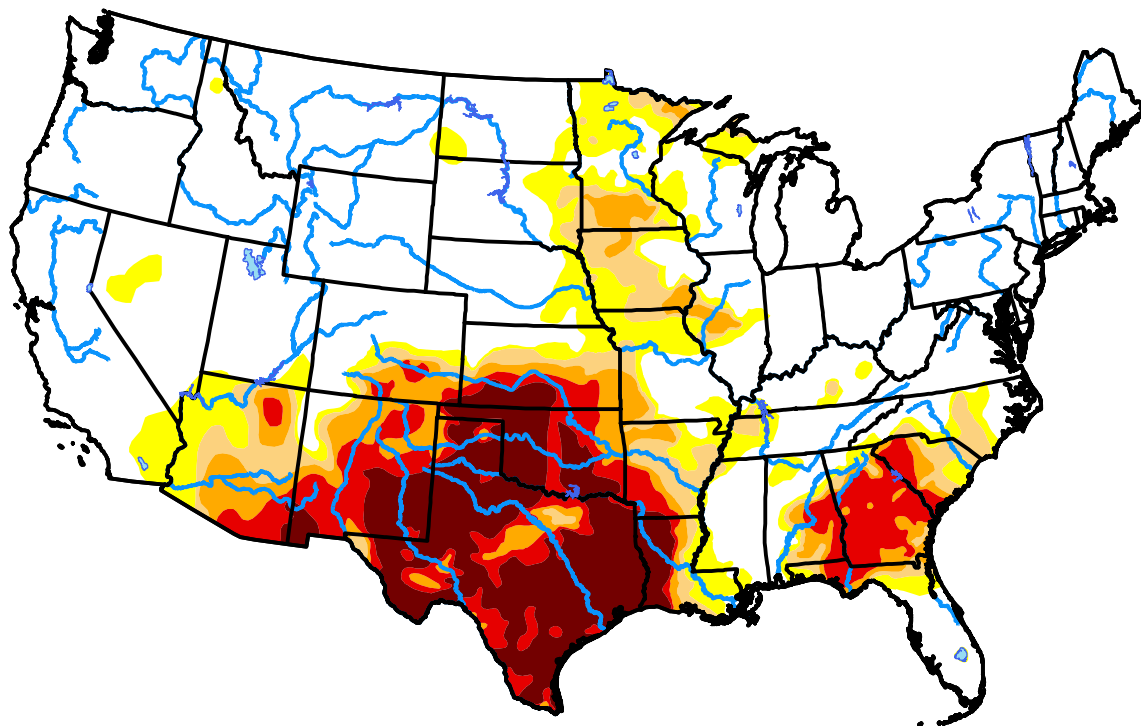


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.32	40.67	29.83	23.68	17.44	9.91
Last Week <i>10-11-2011</i>	57.82	42.17	30.47	23.85	17.12	9.76
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2011</i>	62.79	37.20	28.41	23.22	18.03	10.90
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	60.49	39.50	21.74	8.50	2.59	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.44	43.55	29.13	23.44	17.80	11.37
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2010</i>	59.78	40.21	14.84	5.61	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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