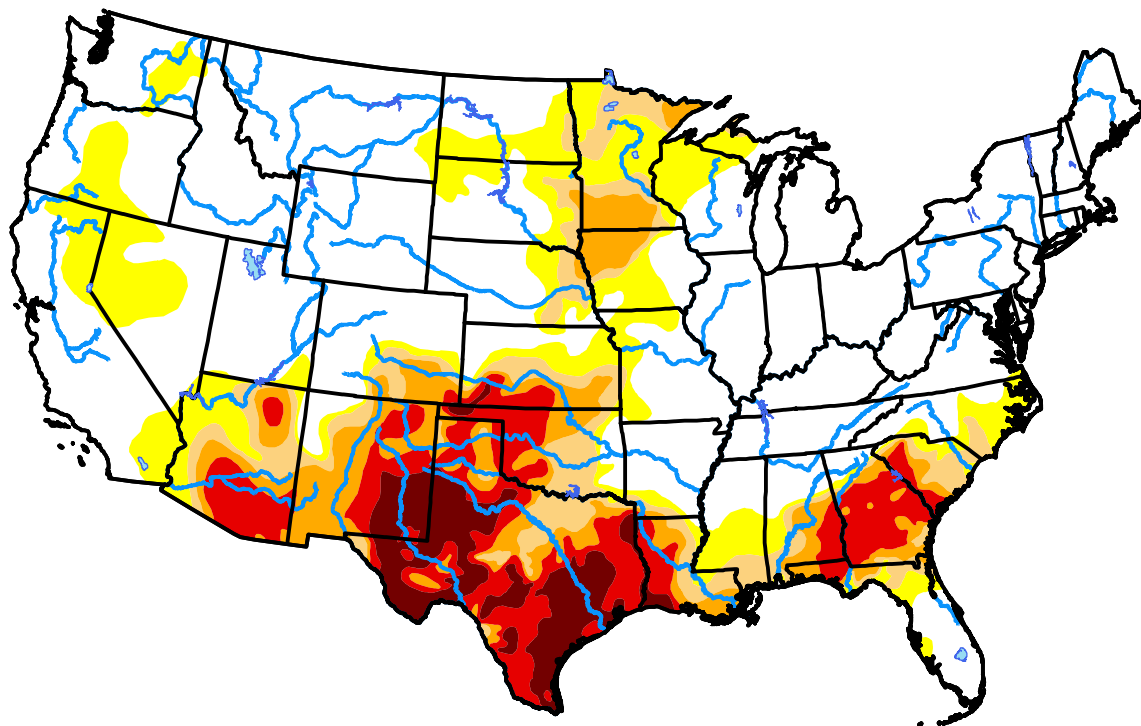


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 13, 2011
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	57.13	14.82	7.20	7.98	8.28	4.59
Last Week <i>12-06-2011</i>	59.28	12.55	7.12	7.22	9.02	4.80
3 Months Ago <i>09-13-2011</i>	55.35	13.78	6.76	5.56	6.79	11.75
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	60.49	17.76	13.24	5.90	2.59	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.44	14.42	5.69	5.64	6.43	11.37
One Year Ago <i>12-14-2010</i>	57.66	22.54	12.64	5.74	1.41	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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