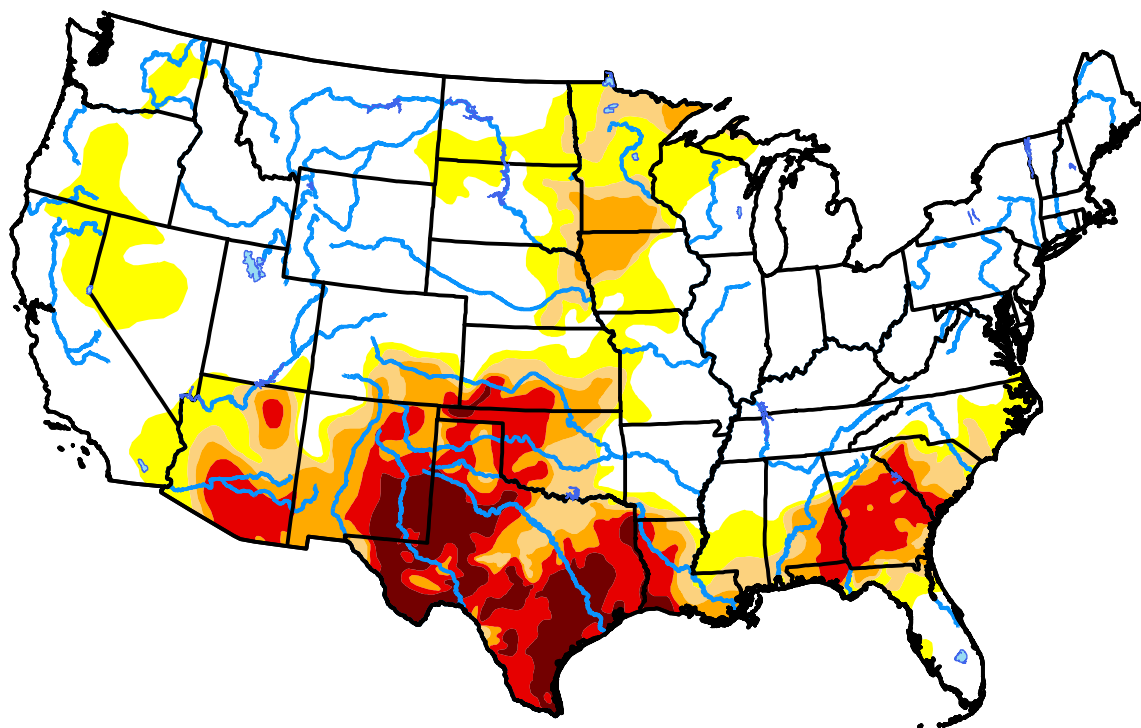


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 13, 2011
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.13	42.86	28.04	20.84	12.86	4.59
Last Week <i>12-06-2011</i>	59.28	40.72	28.17	21.04	13.82	4.80
3 Months Ago <i>09-13-2011</i>	55.35	44.64	30.85	24.10	18.54	11.75
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>12-14-2010</i>	57.66	42.34	19.80	7.15	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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