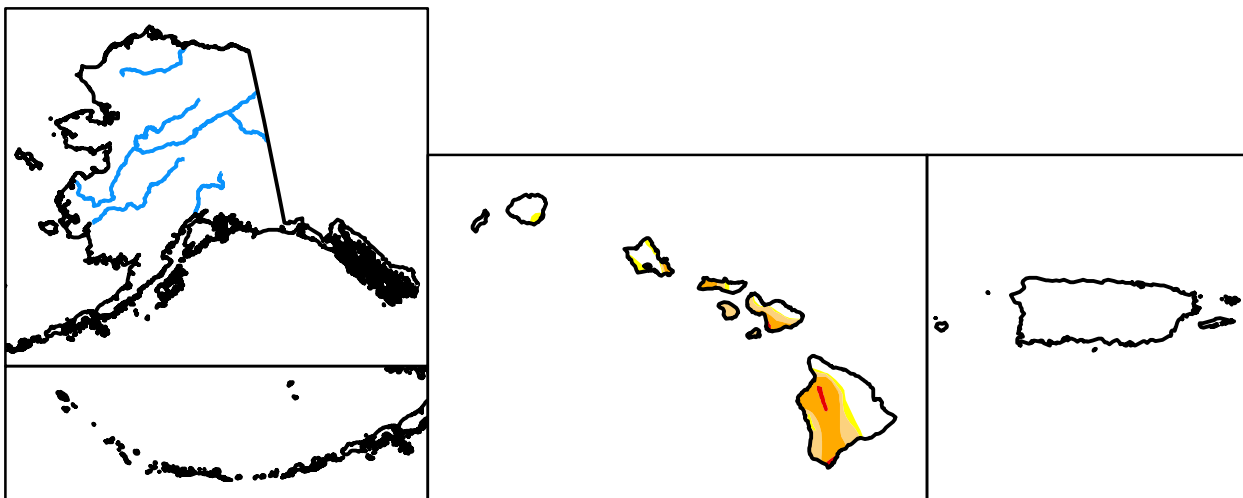
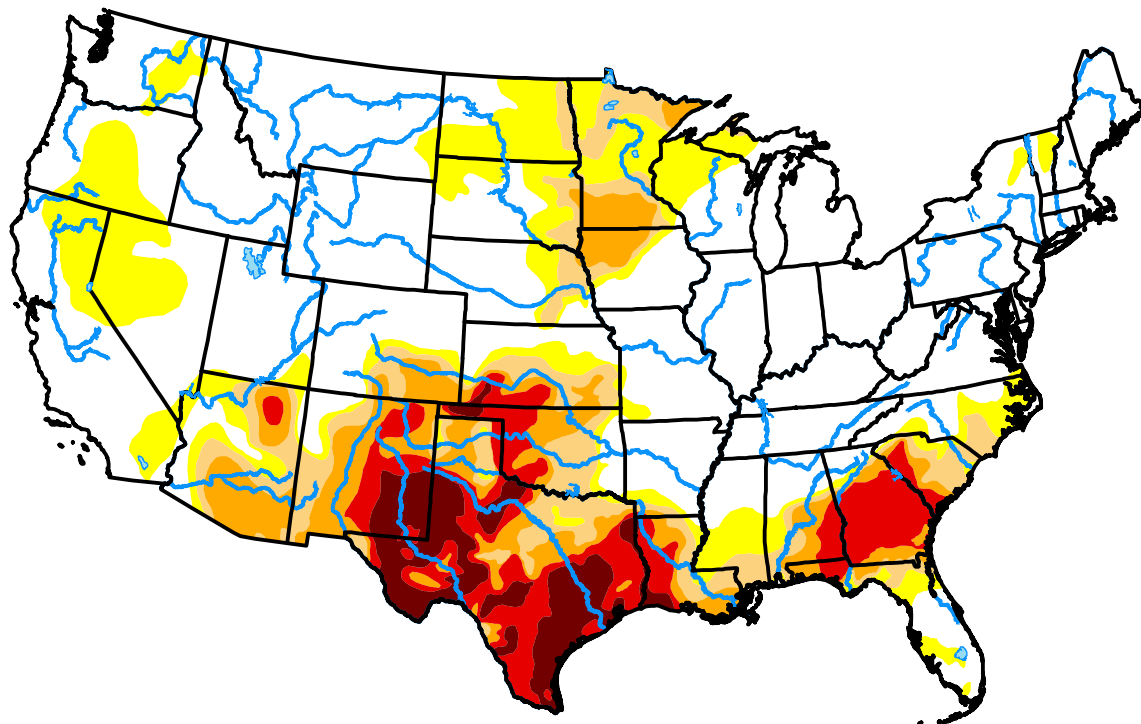


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**December 20, 2011**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 64.17 | 35.81 | 23.09 | 16.23 | 9.33  | 3.66 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-13-2011</i>              | 64.07 | 35.92 | 23.52 | 17.47 | 10.75 | 3.83 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-20-2011</i>           | 64.09 | 35.90 | 25.52 | 19.78 | 15.03 | 9.48 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 63.42 | 36.57 | 18.22 | 7.13  | 2.17  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 63.44 | 36.55 | 24.42 | 19.61 | 14.87 | 9.50 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-21-2010</i>           | 62.13 | 37.85 | 19.57 | 7.06  | 1.64  | 0.00 |

### Intensity:



*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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