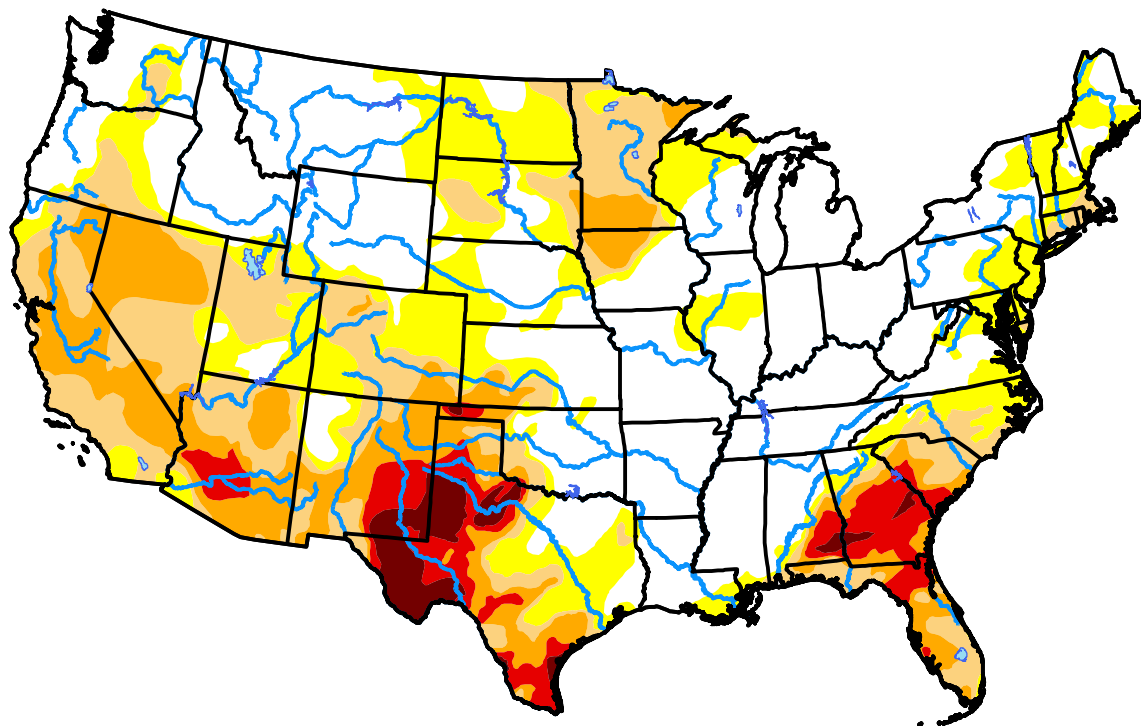


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**March 27, 2012**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 43.56 | 56.43 | 35.92 | 19.40 | 6.72  | 2.15  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-20-2012</i>              | 43.91 | 56.08 | 38.31 | 19.19 | 6.88  | 2.21  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-27-2011</i>           | 50.89 | 49.10 | 28.49 | 18.95 | 10.01 | 3.31  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.41 | 49.58 | 31.90 | 18.83 | 10.18 | 3.32  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 56.44 | 43.55 | 29.13 | 23.44 | 17.80 | 11.37 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-29-2011</i>           | 61.75 | 38.24 | 28.14 | 18.22 | 6.41  | 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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