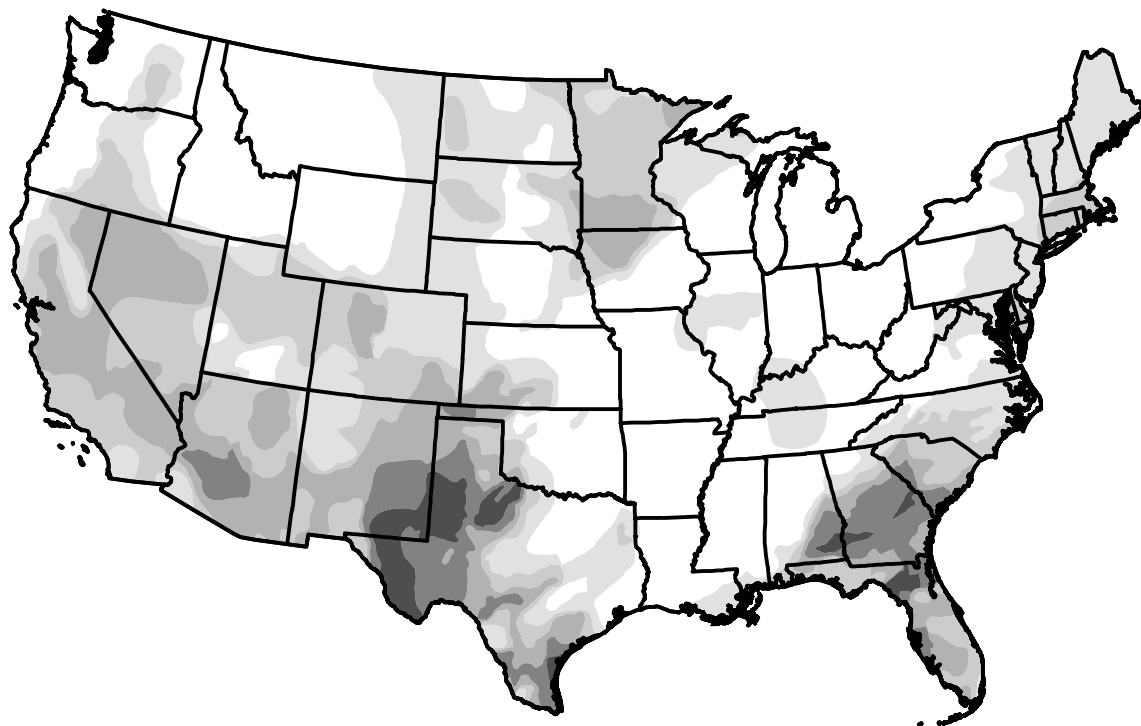


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 39.87 | 23.36 | 17.12 | 12.99 | 4.73 | 1.92  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-27-2012</i>              | 43.56 | 20.51 | 16.52 | 12.68 | 4.57 | 2.15  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i>           | 50.41 | 17.69 | 13.07 | 8.65  | 6.86 | 3.32  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.41 | 17.69 | 13.07 | 8.65  | 6.86 | 3.32  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 56.44 | 14.42 | 5.69  | 5.64  | 6.43 | 11.37 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-05-2011</i>           | 62.46 | 8.79  | 10.58 | 9.42  | 8.32 | 0.42  |

### 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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