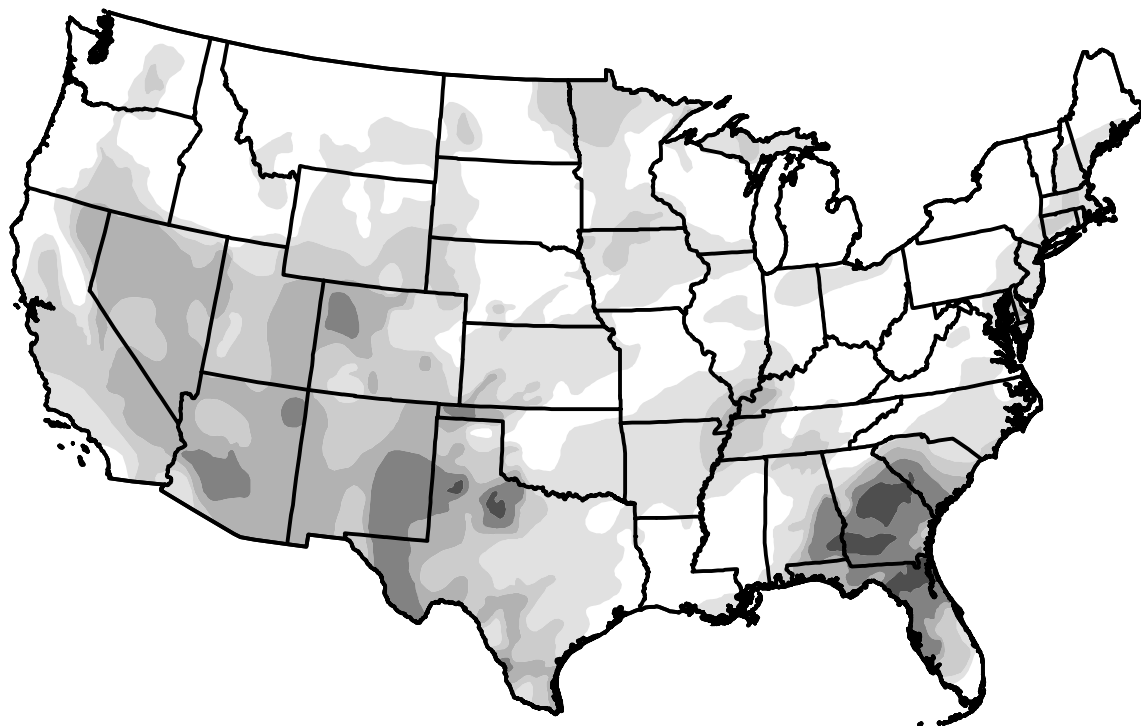


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.68	62.31	35.30	19.46	5.95	0.95
Last Week <i>05-15-2012</i>	45.20	54.79	33.63	18.39	5.71	1.02
3 Months Ago <i>02-21-2012</i>	42.76	57.23	37.92	17.34	7.64	2.42
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.41	49.58	31.90	18.83	10.18	3.32
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>05-24-2011</i>	68.67	31.32	25.47	20.25	13.45	5.62

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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