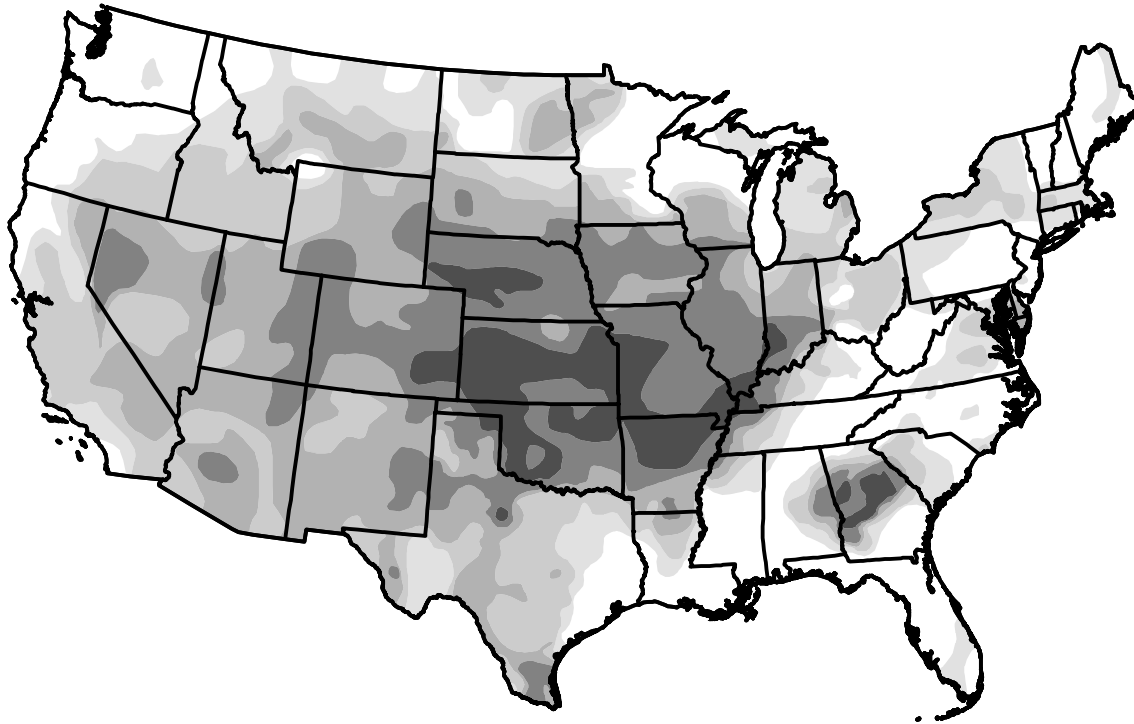


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**August 21, 2012**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	22.72	14.08	19.16	21.03	16.70	6.31
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-14-2012</i>	22.32	15.90	16.23	21.87	17.41	6.26
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-22-2012</i>	37.68	27.01	15.84	13.51	4.99	0.95
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.41	17.69	13.07	8.65	6.86	3.32
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.44	14.42	5.69	5.64	6.43	11.37
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-23-2011</i>	54.81	14.24	7.52	6.19	6.10	11.14

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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