

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 30.53 | 69.46 | 52.89 | 36.83 | 19.24 | 5.27 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-14-2012</i>              | 30.19 | 69.80 | 51.70 | 38.09 | 19.79 | 5.23 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-22-2012</i>           | 47.82 | 52.17 | 29.58 | 16.31 | 4.98  | 0.80 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 58.47 | 41.52 | 26.73 | 15.78 | 8.51  | 2.77 |
| <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>08-23-2011</i>           | 59.87 | 40.11 | 25.93 | 19.58 | 14.40 | 9.31 |

**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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