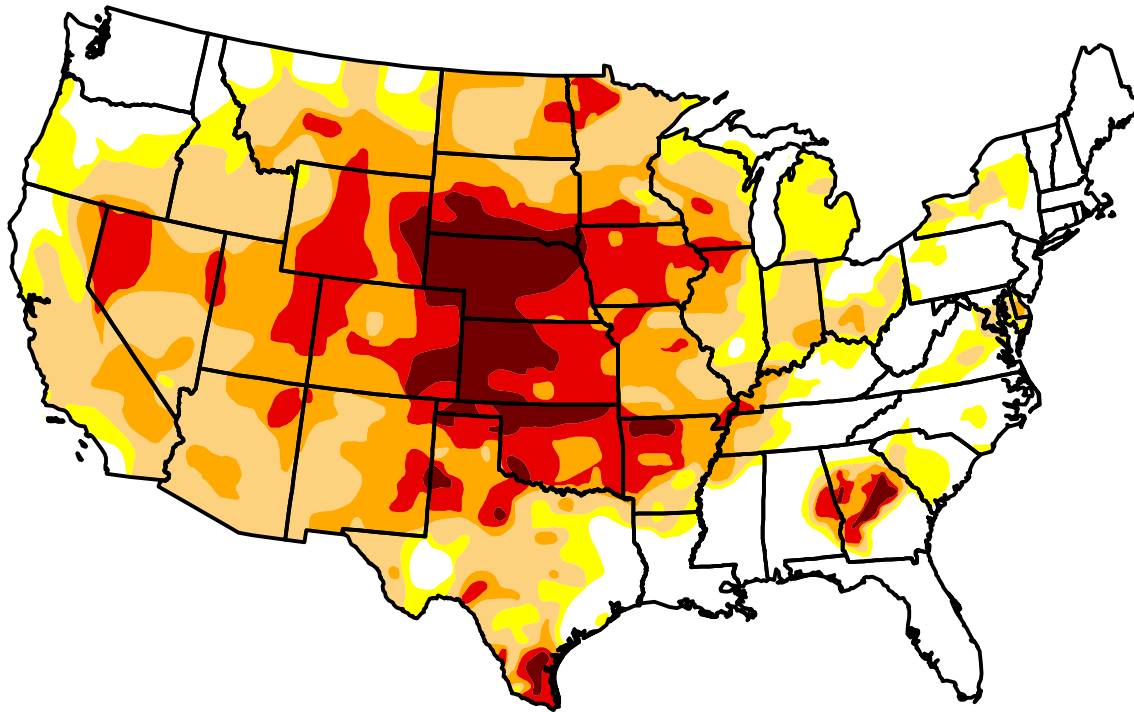


U.S. Drought Monitor

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	24.10	11.31	24.52	19.95	14.05	6.07
Last Week <i>9/25/2012</i>	23.41	11.14	23.33	20.64	15.36	6.12
3 Months Ago <i>7/3/2012</i>	23.67	20.37	21.71	23.93	9.72	0.60
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/3/2012</i>	50.41	17.69	13.07	8.65	6.86	3.32
Start of Water Year <i>9/25/2012</i>	23.41	11.14	23.33	20.64	15.36	6.12
One Year Ago <i>10/4/2011</i>	55.13	14.87	6.23	5.77	6.30	11.69

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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