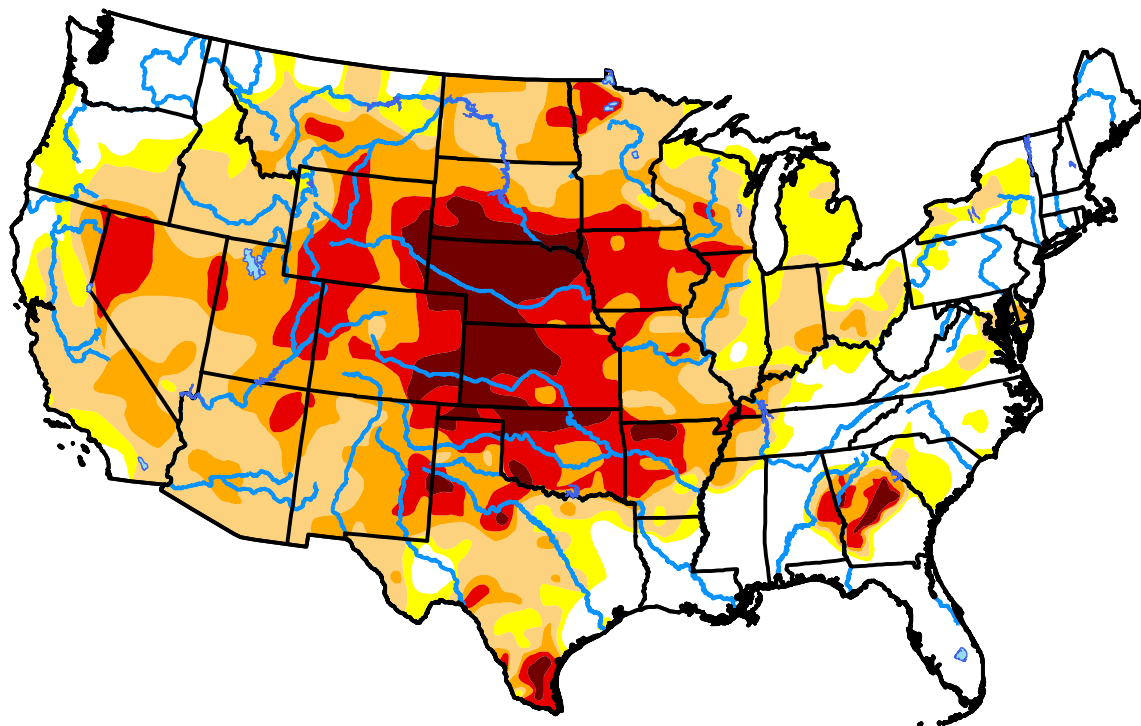


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.09	75.90	64.58	40.07	20.12	6.07
Last Week <i>09-25-2012</i>	23.40	76.59	65.45	42.12	21.48	6.12
3 Months Ago <i>07-03-2012</i>	23.67	76.32	55.96	34.24	10.32	0.60
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>09-25-2012</i>	23.40	76.59	65.45	42.12	21.48	6.12
One Year Ago <i>10-04-2011</i>	55.13	44.86	30.00	23.76	17.99	11.69

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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