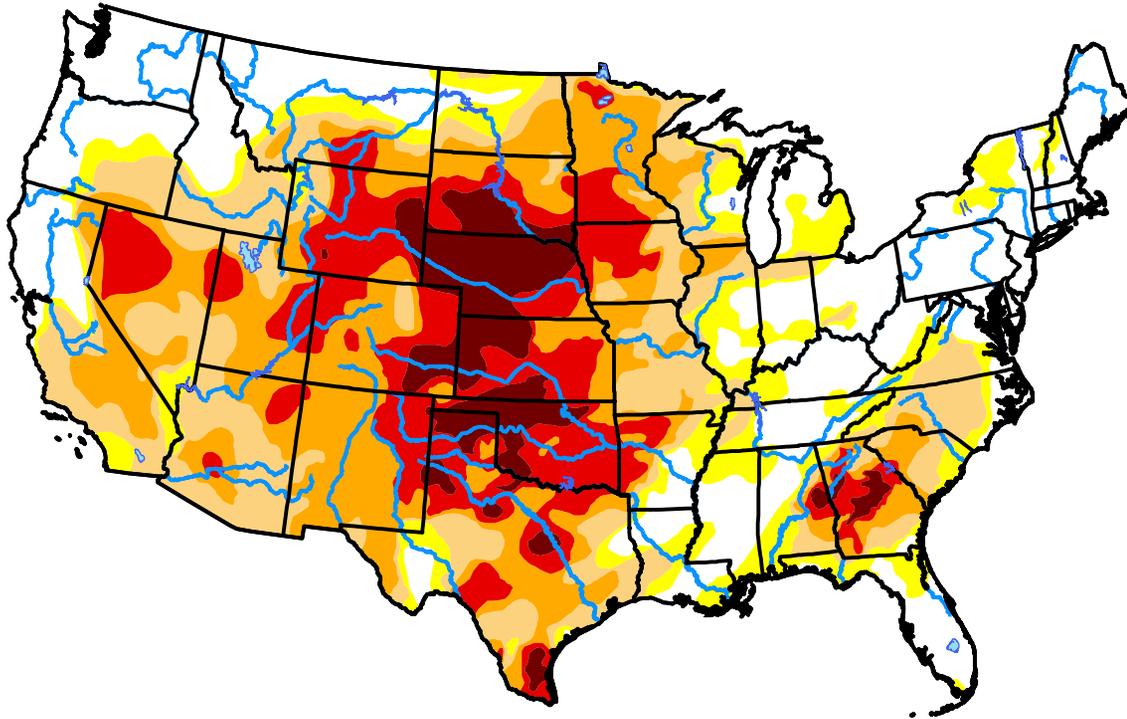


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 18, 2012
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	26.20	12.00	19.28	20.84	15.03	6.64
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	26.12	12.00	19.29	21.51	14.58	6.49
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	21.84	13.33	23.75	20.32	14.78	5.96
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.41	17.69	13.07	8.65	6.86	3.32
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	23.40	11.14	23.33	20.64	15.36	6.12
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	57.24	15.21	8.17	8.20	6.79	4.38

Intensity:



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