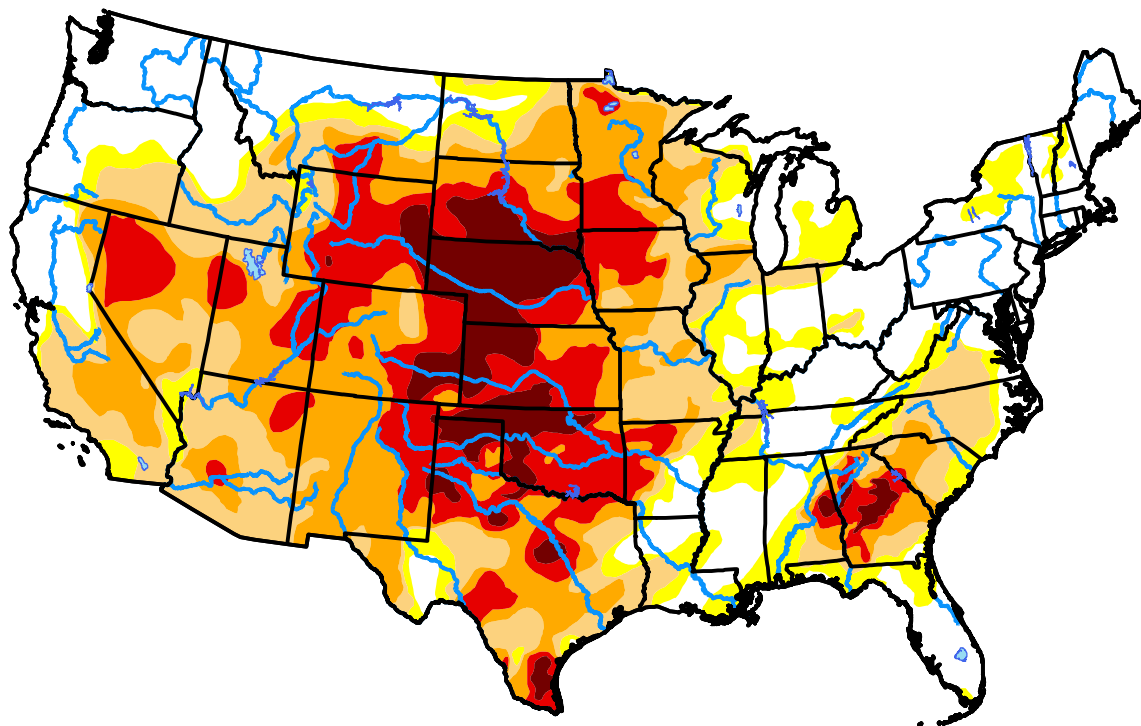


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 18, 2012
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	26.20	73.79	61.79	42.51	21.67	6.64
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	26.12	73.88	61.87	42.59	21.07	6.49
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	21.84	78.15	64.82	41.07	20.74	5.96
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>12-20-2011</i>	57.24	42.75	27.54	19.37	11.17	4.38

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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