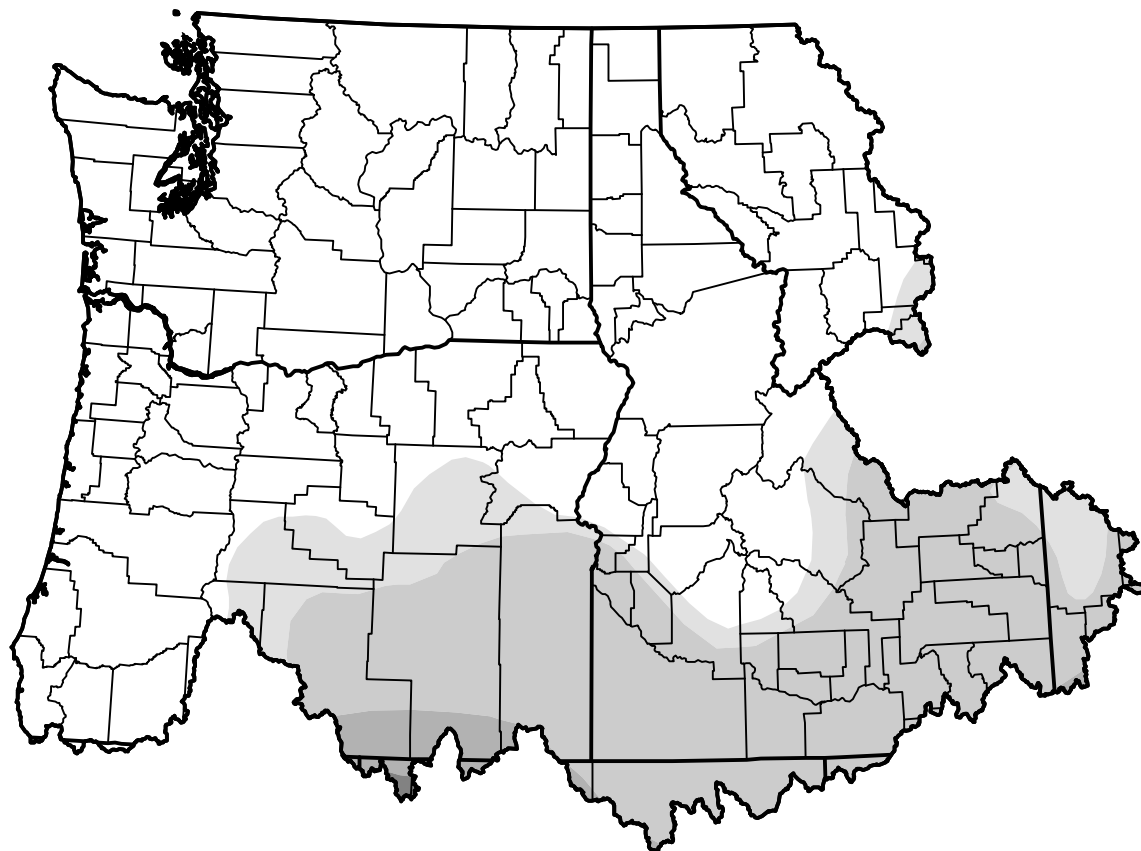


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Pacific Northwest Watershed

**December 25, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 67.23 | 32.77 | 25.29 | 1.58  | 0.08  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-20-2012</i>              | 67.23 | 32.77 | 25.29 | 1.58  | 0.08  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>           | 52.78 | 47.22 | 34.55 | 1.66  | 0.27  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 53.75 | 46.25 | 7.06  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 52.78 | 47.22 | 34.55 | 1.66  | 0.27  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-29-2011</i>           | 38.82 | 61.18 | 6.73  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

### 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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