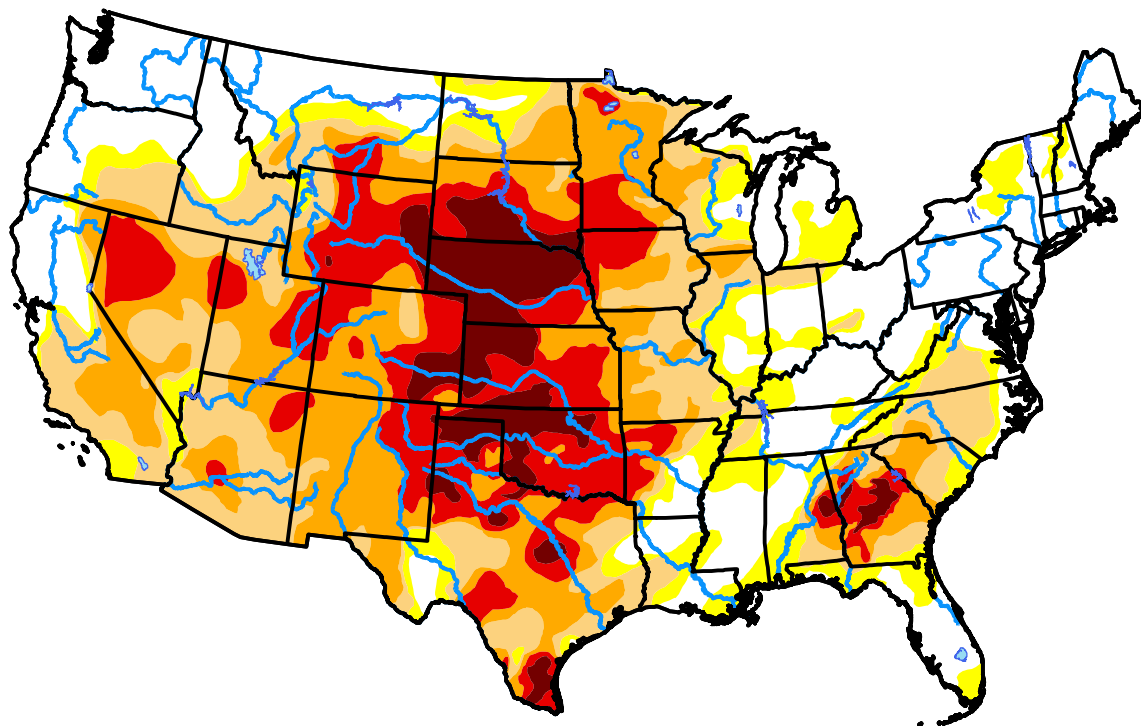


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	26.15	12.02	19.36	20.86	14.87	6.73
Last Week <i>12-18-2012</i>	26.20	12.00	19.28	20.84	15.03	6.64
3 Months Ago <i>09-25-2012</i>	23.40	11.14	23.33	20.64	15.36	6.12
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>12-27-2011</i>	50.89	20.61	9.54	8.94	6.71	3.31

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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