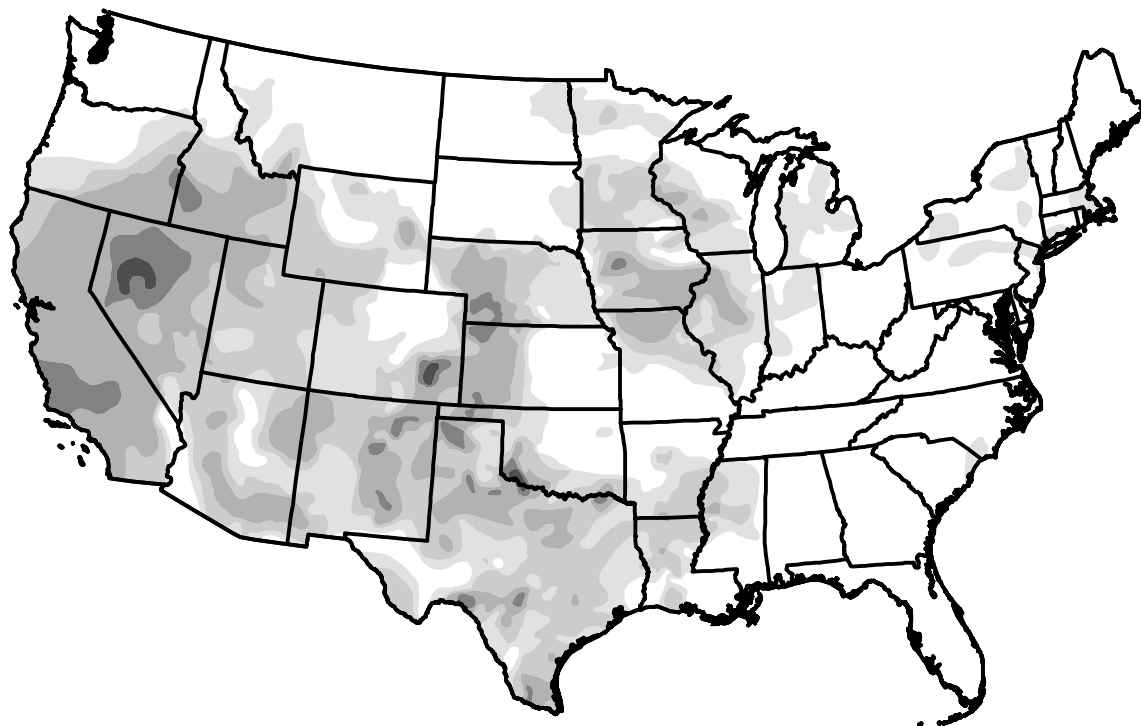


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**October 15, 2013**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 45.23 | 18.05 | 18.59 | 15.37 | 2.46  | 0.29 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-08-2013</i>              | 42.23 | 19.18 | 18.99 | 16.69 | 2.62  | 0.29 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-16-2013</i>           | 45.60 | 8.26  | 11.85 | 20.94 | 8.99  | 4.34 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2013</i> | 27.22 | 11.68 | 19.04 | 20.74 | 14.56 | 6.75 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2013</i>    | 39.56 | 19.22 | 20.51 | 17.64 | 2.77  | 0.29 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-16-2012</i>           | 25.01 | 12.59 | 23.56 | 19.75 | 13.24 | 5.84 |

### 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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