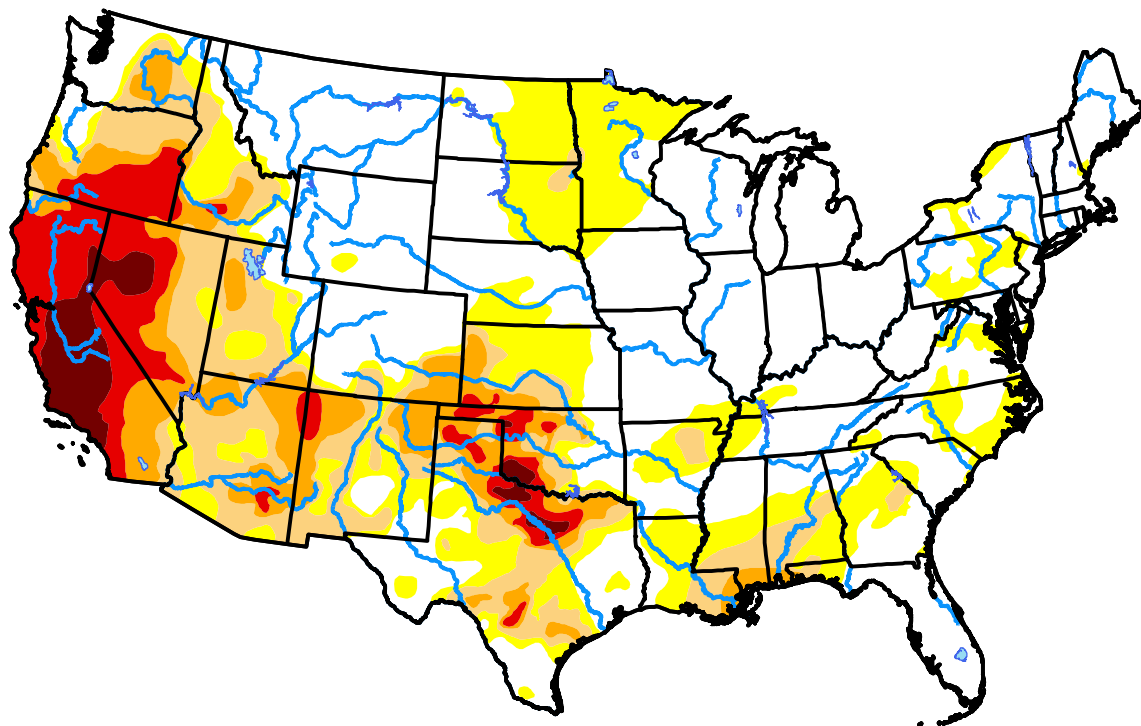


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 16, 2014
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.28	49.71	30.05	17.27	8.85	2.49
Last Week <i>12-09-2014</i>	51.32	48.68	29.84	17.09	8.94	3.69
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2014</i>	54.90	45.09	31.11	19.95	9.32	3.72
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2013</i>	48.24	51.75	30.94	16.67	3.96	0.37
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2014</i>	52.22	47.77	30.57	18.66	9.41	3.85
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2013</i>	43.40	56.59	31.50	16.63	3.90	0.41

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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