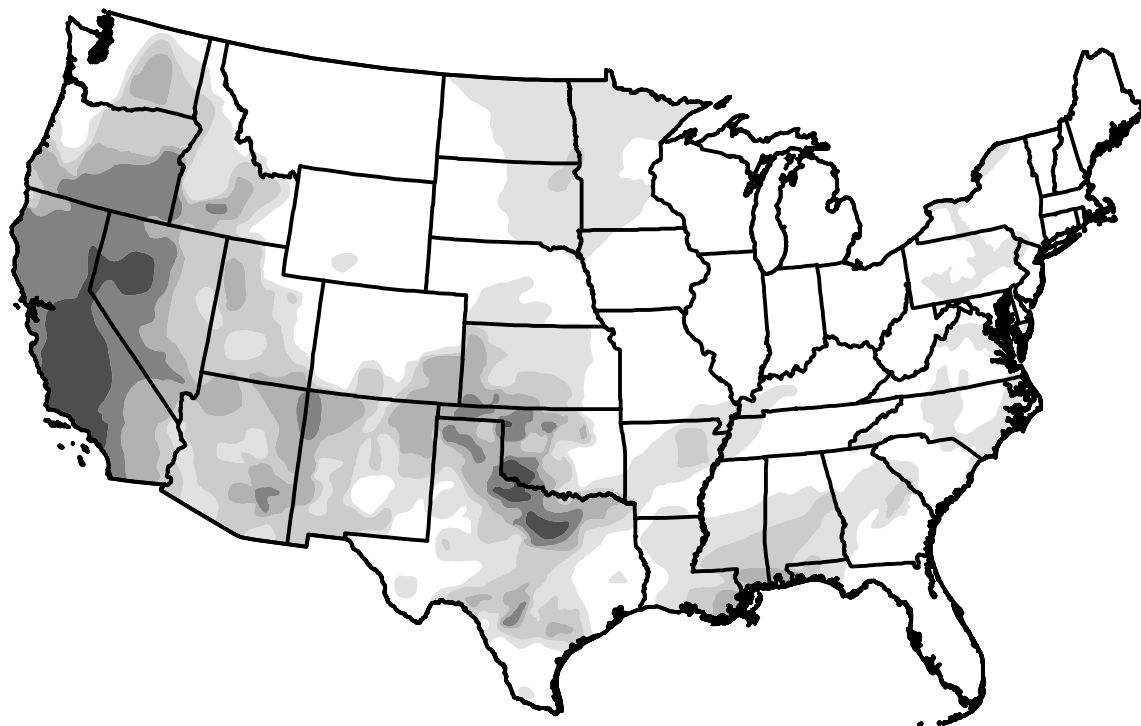


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	49.78	20.25	12.78	8.34	6.32	2.53
Last Week <i>12-16-2014</i>	50.28	19.66	12.78	8.42	6.36	2.49
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2014</i>	54.52	14.85	12.23	9.13	5.54	3.72
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2013</i>	48.24	20.81	14.27	12.72	3.58	0.37
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2014</i>	52.22	17.21	11.90	9.25	5.56	3.85
One Year Ago <i>12-24-2013</i>	46.35	22.54	14.46	12.65	3.62	0.37

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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