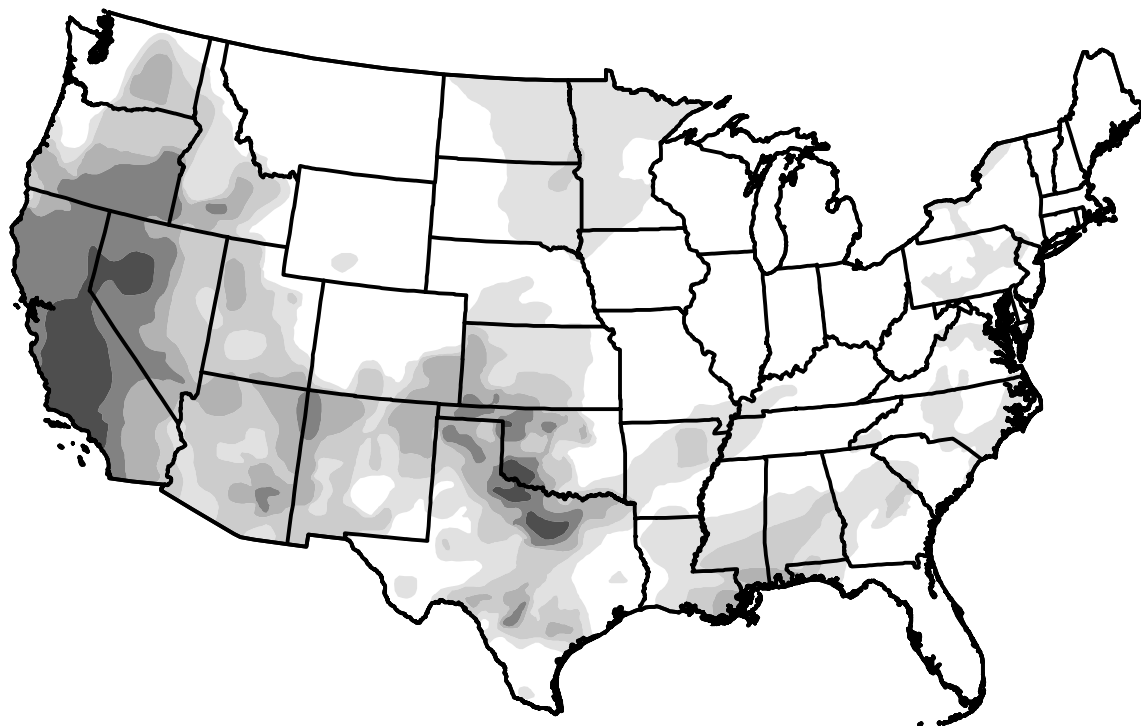


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 23, 2014
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	49.78	50.21	29.96	17.18	8.84	2.53
Last Week <i>12-16-2014</i>	50.28	49.71	30.05	17.27	8.85	2.49
3 Months Ago <i>09-23-2014</i>	54.52	45.47	30.62	18.39	9.26	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>12-24-2013</i>	46.35	53.65	31.11	16.64	3.99	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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