

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

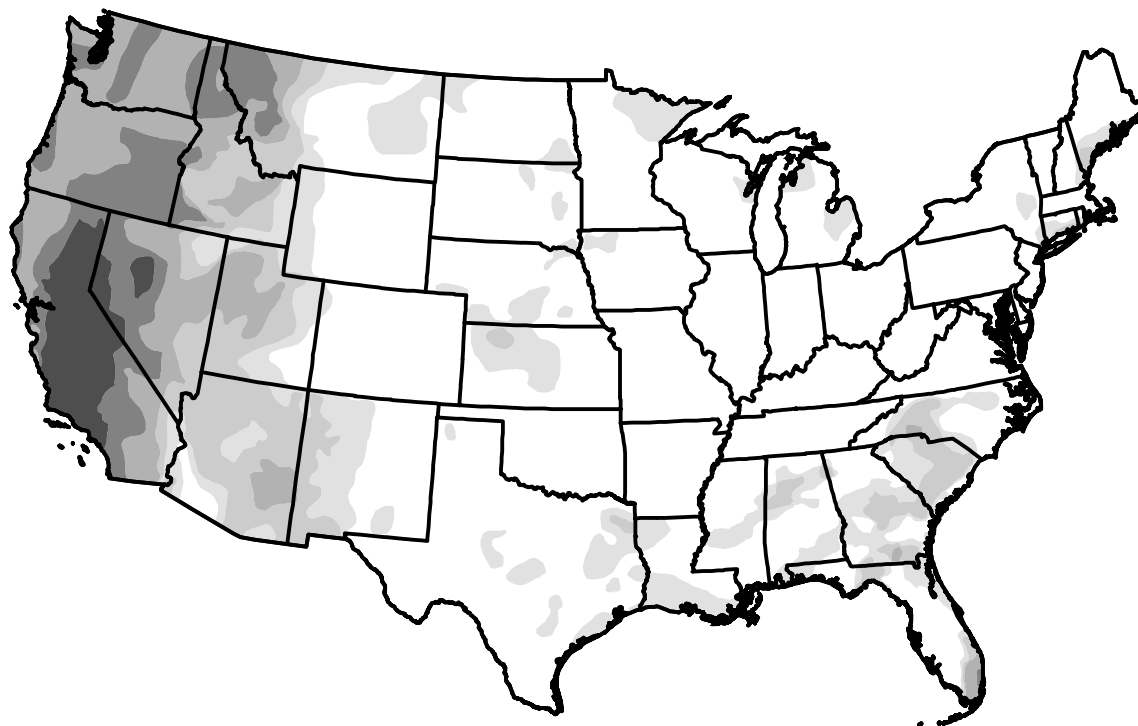
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 61.10 | 13.18 | 8.54  | 8.37  | 5.97 | 2.83 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>07-21-2015</i>              | 64.01 | 9.92  | 9.32  | 9.26  | 4.65 | 2.83 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>04-28-2015</i>           | 46.75 | 15.83 | 17.38 | 11.93 | 4.69 | 3.41 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2014</i> | 53.20 | 18.12 | 11.75 | 7.96  | 6.42 | 2.54 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2014</i>    | 52.22 | 17.21 | 11.90 | 9.25  | 5.56 | 3.85 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>07-29-2014</i>           | 52.49 | 13.45 | 11.29 | 12.17 | 6.69 | 3.90 |



### 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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