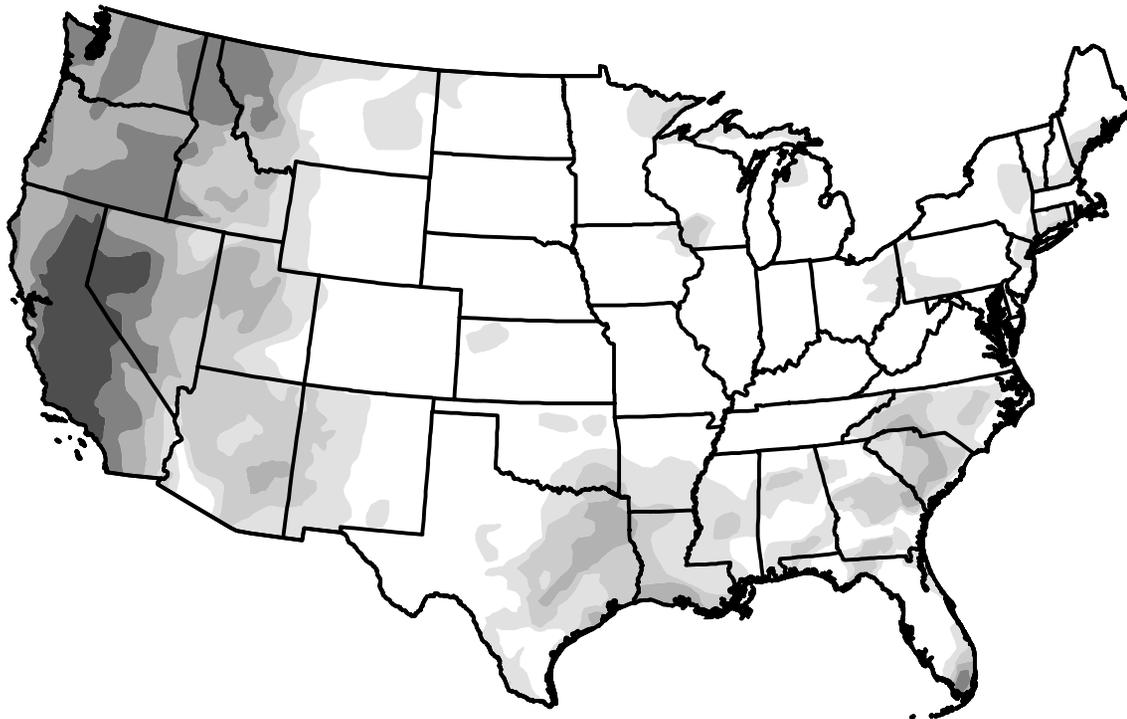


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**August 18, 2015**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 54.76 | 15.83 | 11.20 | 8.80  | 6.40 | 3.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-11-2015</i>              | 56.13 | 14.94 | 11.06 | 8.69  | 6.18 | 3.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-19-2015</i>           | 47.80 | 20.65 | 16.37 | 8.23  | 3.80 | 3.14 |
| <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>08-19-2014</i>           | 51.93 | 14.51 | 11.94 | 11.50 | 6.31 | 3.80 |

***Intensity:***



*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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