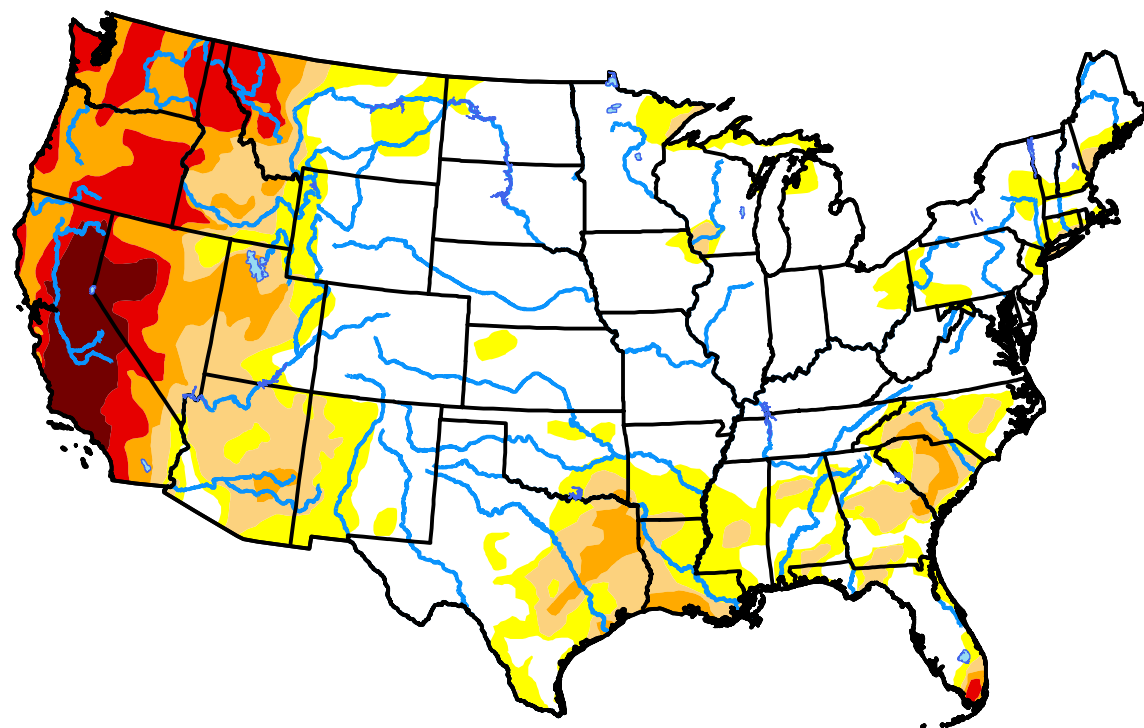


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.76	45.23	29.40	18.21	9.41	3.00
Last Week <i>08-11-2015</i>	56.13	43.86	28.92	17.87	9.18	3.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-19-2015</i>	47.80	52.19	31.53	15.16	6.94	3.14
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2014</i>	53.20	46.80	28.68	16.93	8.96	2.54
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>08-19-2014</i>	51.93	48.06	33.56	21.62	10.12	3.80

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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