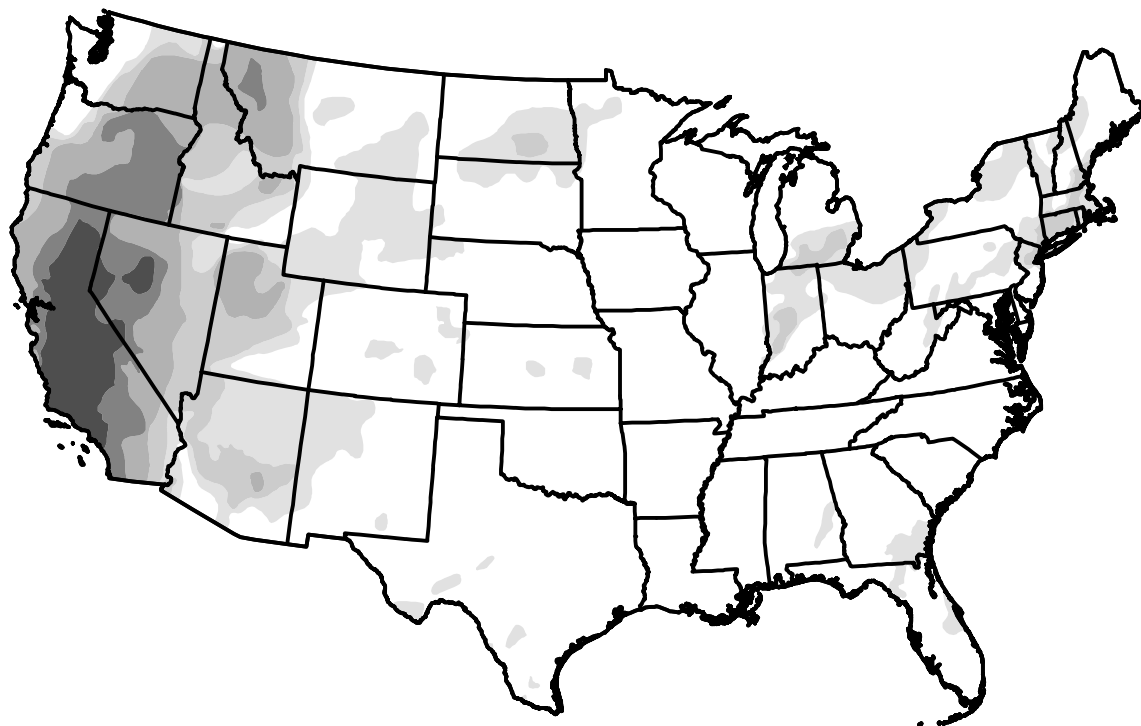


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	65.41	14.97	6.49	6.53	3.89	2.70
Last Week <i>12-08-2015</i>	64.84	14.99	5.82	6.37	5.27	2.70
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2015</i>	48.44	20.02	11.95	8.41	8.17	3.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2014</i>	53.20	18.12	11.75	7.96	6.42	2.54
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2015</i>	44.90	23.73	11.27	8.64	8.44	3.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2014</i>	50.28	19.66	12.78	8.42	6.36	2.49

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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