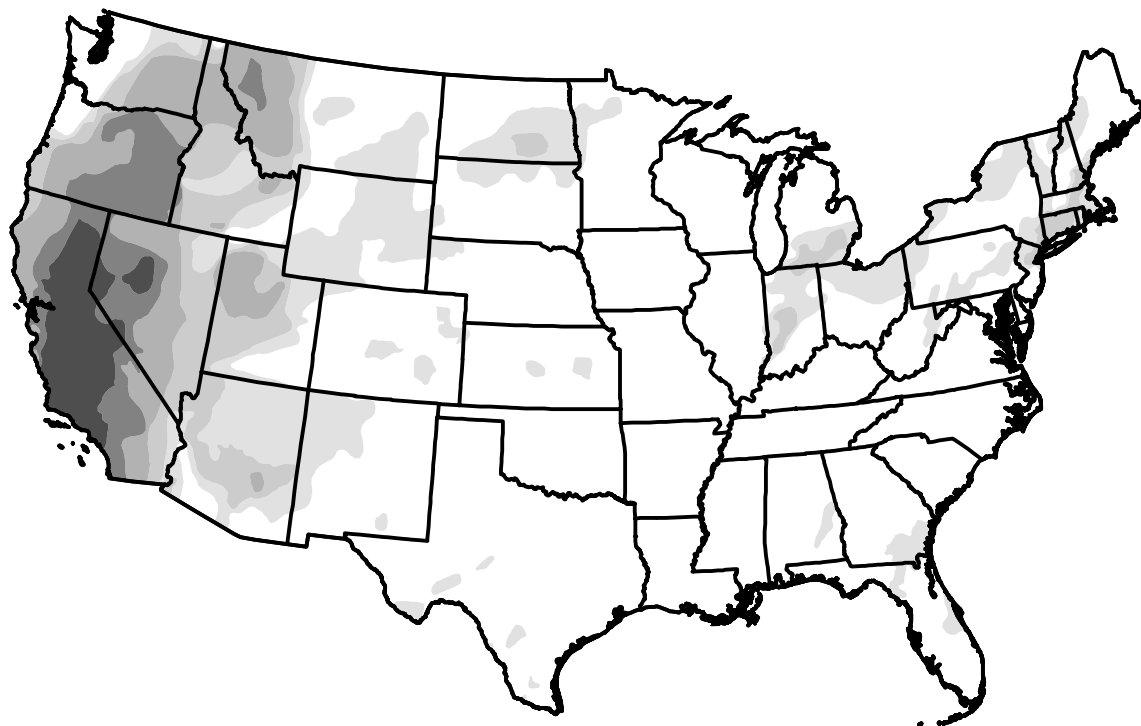


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)



December 15, 2015
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	65.41	34.58	19.61	13.12	6.59	2.70
Last Week <i>12-08-2015</i>	64.84	35.15	20.16	14.35	7.97	2.70
3 Months Ago <i>09-15-2015</i>	48.44	51.55	31.53	19.58	11.17	3.00
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>09-29-2015</i>	44.90	55.09	31.36	20.09	11.45	3.00
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2014</i>	50.28	49.71	30.05	17.27	8.85	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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