

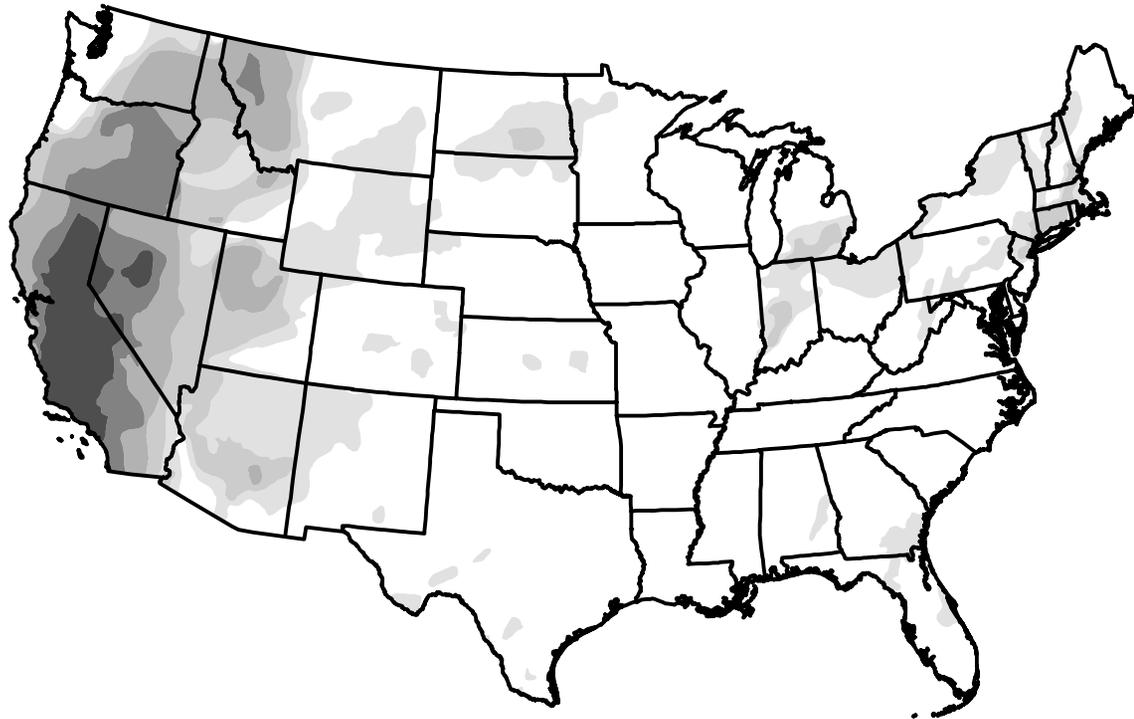
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**December 15, 2015**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	69.31	14.25	5.45	5.46	3.25	2.26
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-08-2015</i>	68.86	14.24	4.88	5.33	4.41	2.26
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-15-2015</i>	47.51	24.47	11.60	7.05	6.84	2.51
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	60.83	15.19	9.82	6.65	5.36	2.12
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	47.01	26.16	10.00	7.24	7.07	2.51
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-16-2014</i>	58.40	16.48	10.68	7.04	5.31	2.08



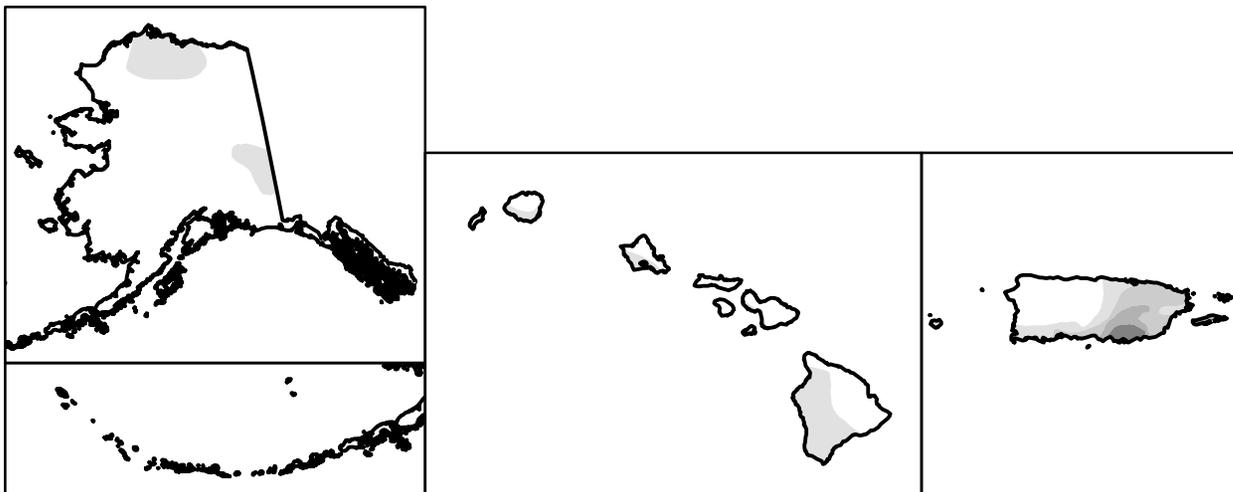
***Intensity:***



*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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