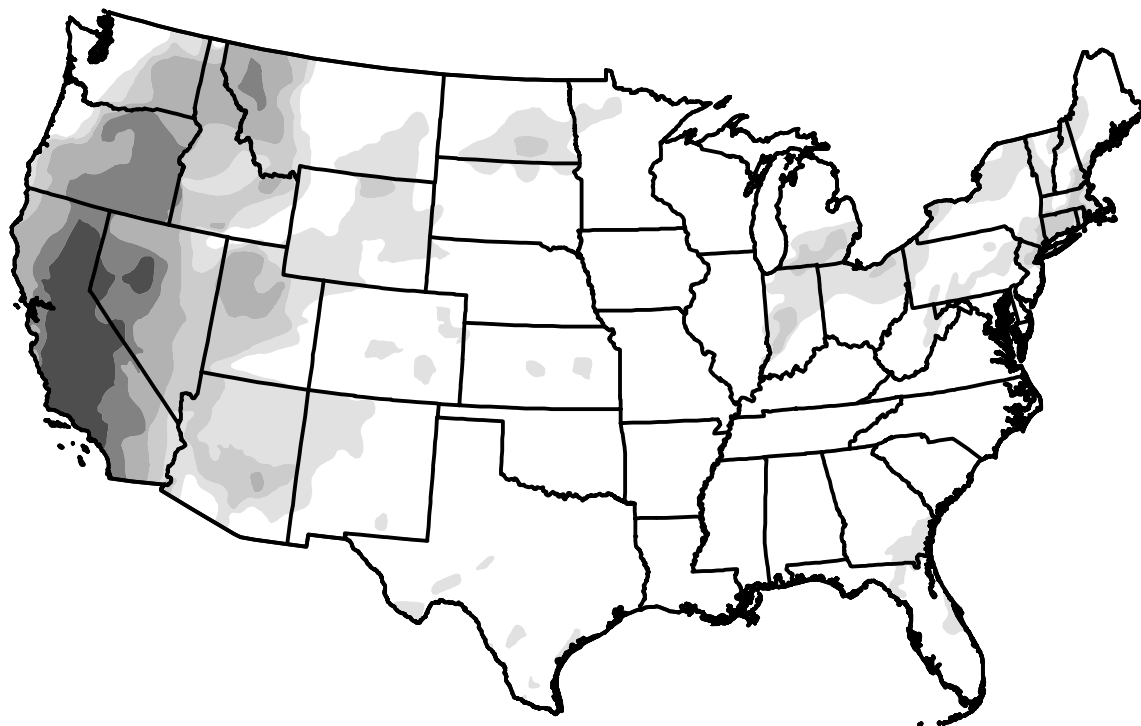


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.22	14.45	6.67	6.06	3.89	2.70
Last Week <i>12-15-2015</i>	65.41	14.97	6.49	6.53	3.89	2.70
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2015</i>	45.19	23.33	11.68	8.44	8.34	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>12-23-2014</i>	49.78	20.25	12.78	8.34	6.32	2.53

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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