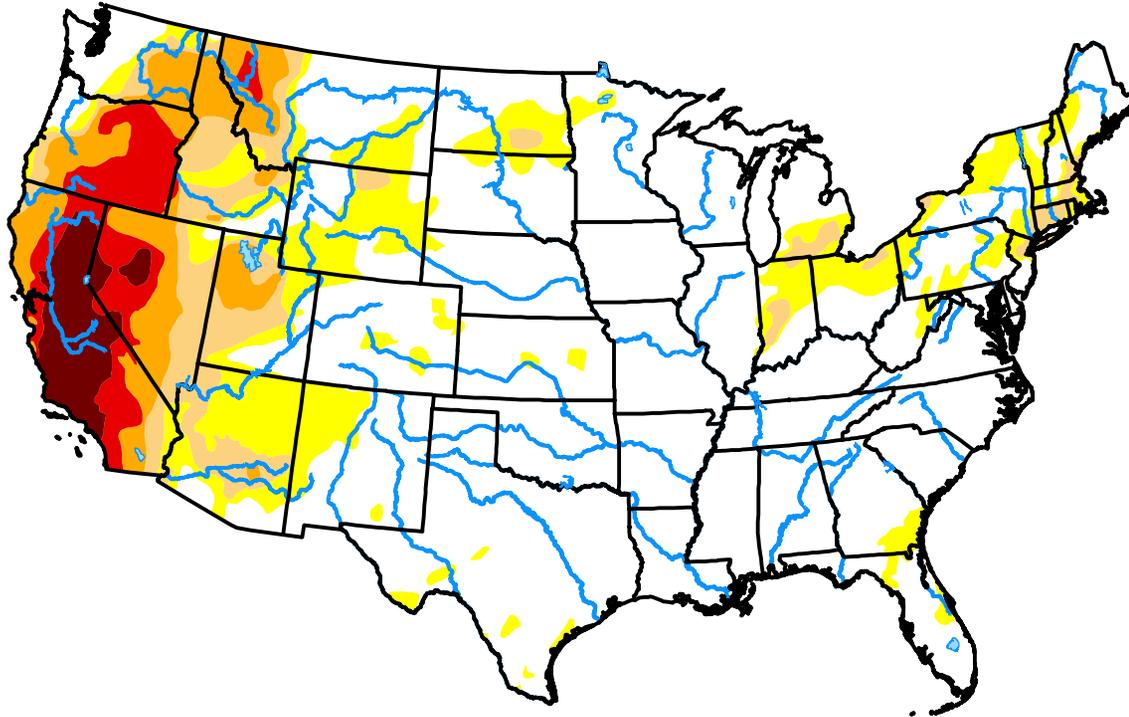


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**December 22, 2015**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	69.99	30.00	16.18	10.58	5.51	2.26
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2015</i>	69.31	30.67	16.42	10.97	5.51	2.26
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2015</i>	47.24	52.75	26.93	16.57	9.49	2.51
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	60.83	39.15	23.96	14.14	7.49	2.12
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	47.01	52.98	26.82	16.82	9.58	2.51
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2014</i>	57.98	42.01	25.04	14.35	7.39	2.11

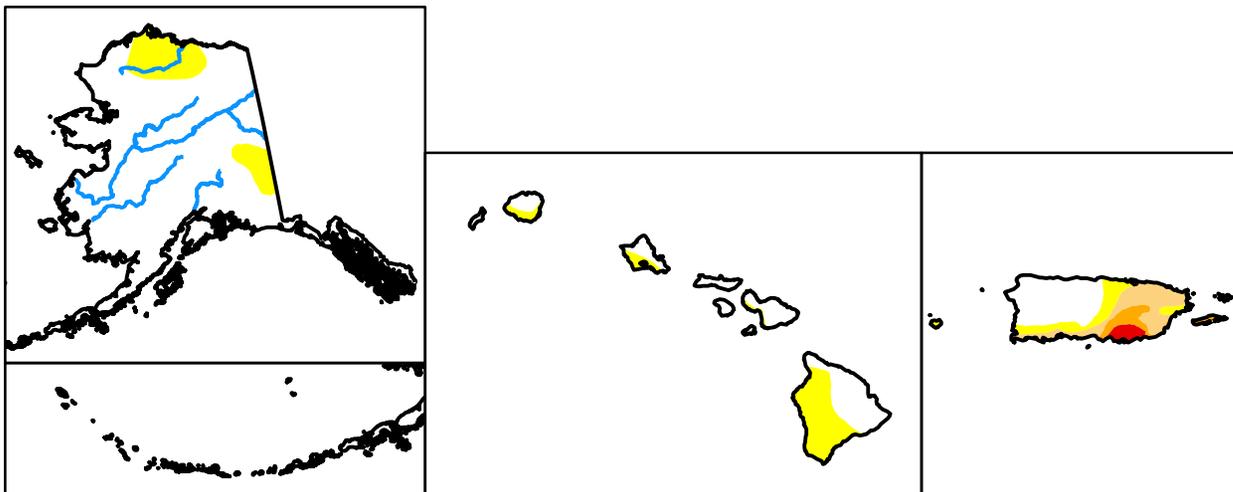
**Intensity:**



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