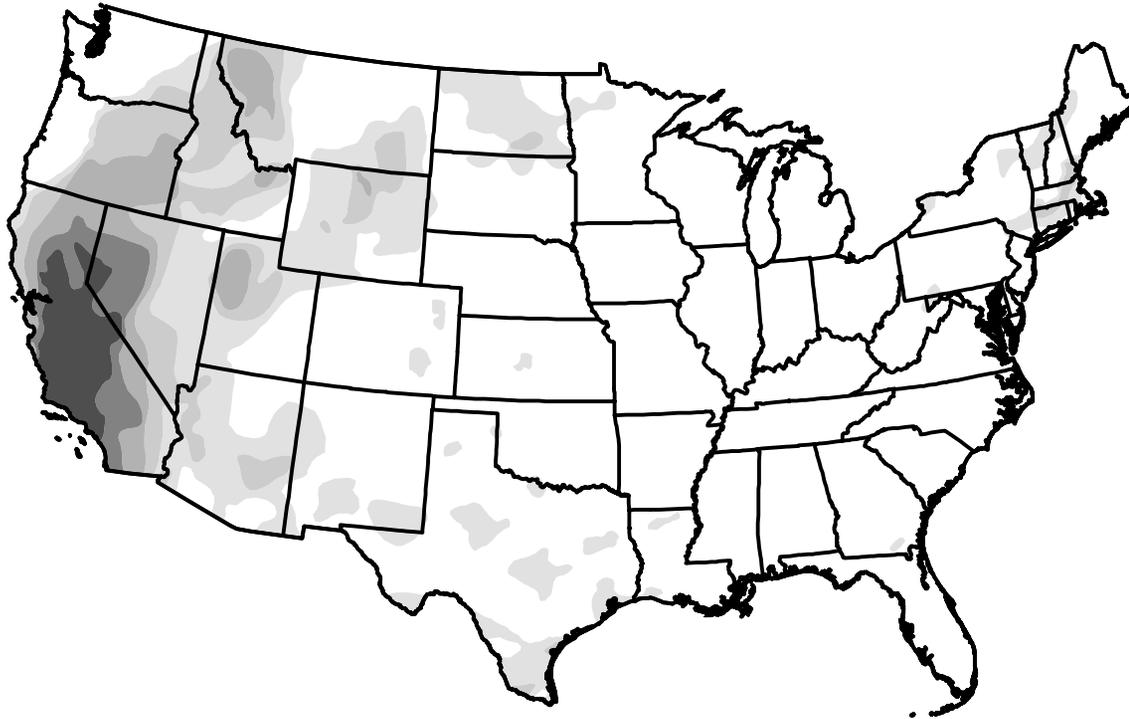


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**February 23, 2016**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	70.09	15.29	6.85	3.72	1.86	2.19
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-16-2016</i>	67.75	17.20	7.32	3.65	1.89	2.19
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-24-2015</i>	61.55	16.54	7.07	6.41	5.72	2.70
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	66.99	14.27	7.18	5.28	3.58	2.70
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	44.90	23.73	11.27	8.64	8.44	3.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-24-2015</i>	45.88	21.28	16.41	7.61	5.51	3.30

***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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