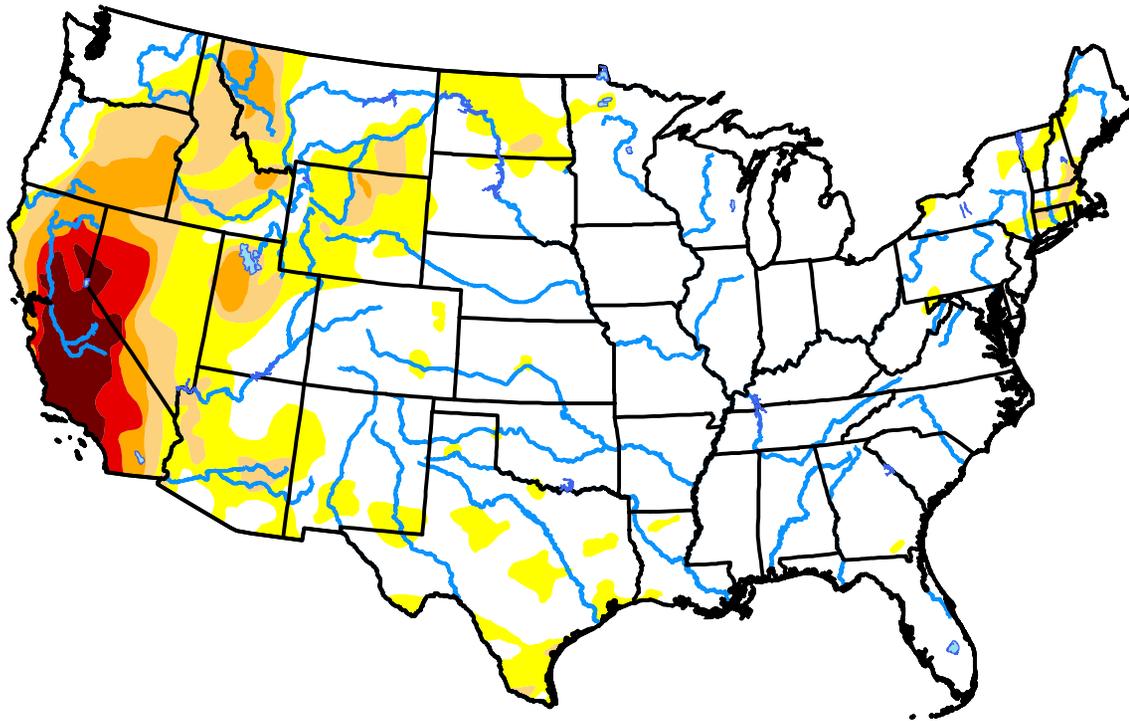


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	70.09	29.90	14.62	7.77	4.05	2.19
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-16-2016</i>	67.75	32.25	15.05	7.73	4.08	2.19
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-24-2015</i>	61.55	38.44	21.90	14.83	8.42	2.70
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	66.99	33.01	18.74	11.56	6.28	2.70
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	44.90	55.09	31.36	20.09	11.45	3.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-24-2015</i>	45.88	54.11	32.83	16.42	8.82	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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