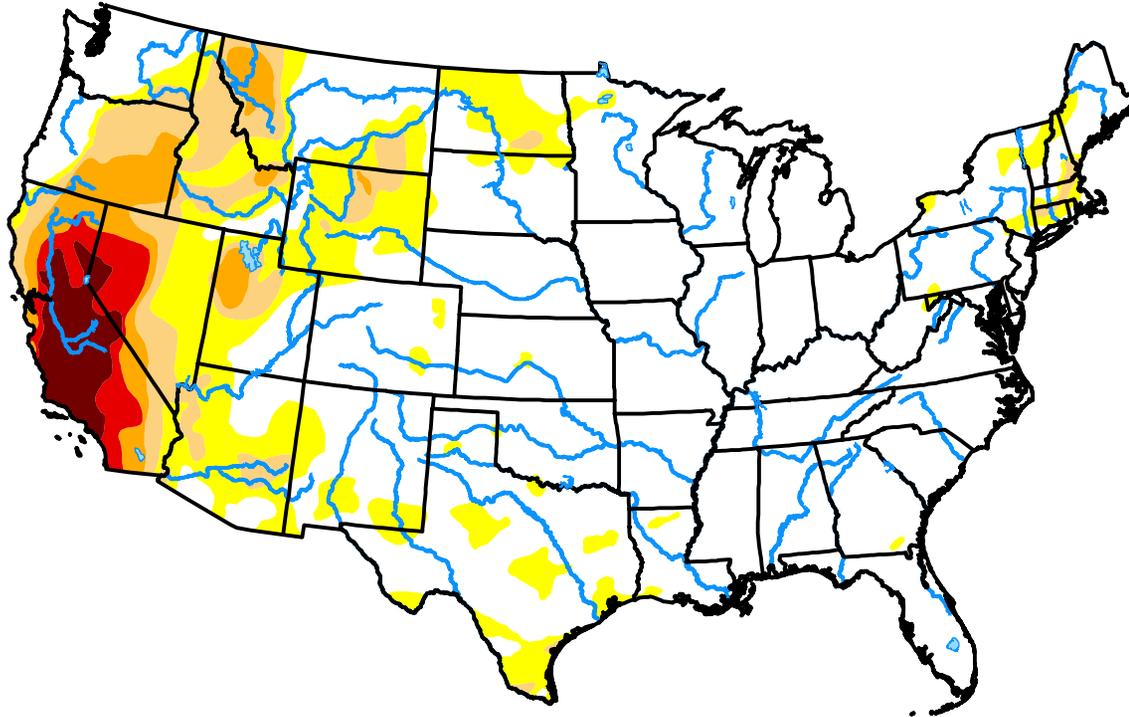


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**February 23, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	73.14	26.85	12.32	6.50	3.39	1.83
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-16-2016</i>	71.16	28.82	12.70	6.47	3.41	1.83
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-24-2015</i>	64.11	35.88	18.34	12.41	7.04	2.26
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	70.63	29.36	15.70	9.67	5.25	2.26
<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>02-24-2015</i>	50.10	49.89	27.52	13.72	7.36	2.76

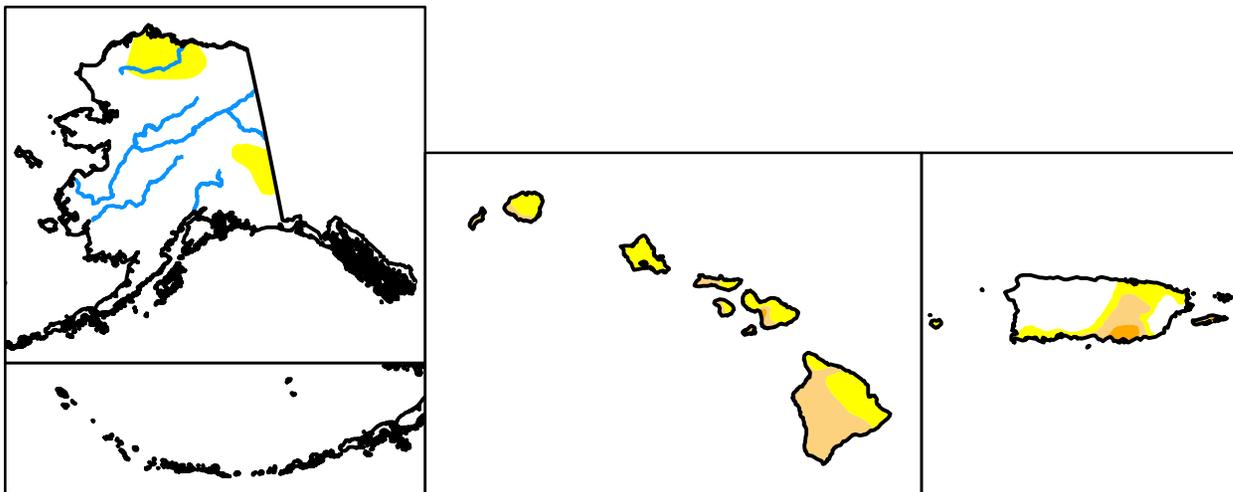
**Intensity:**



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