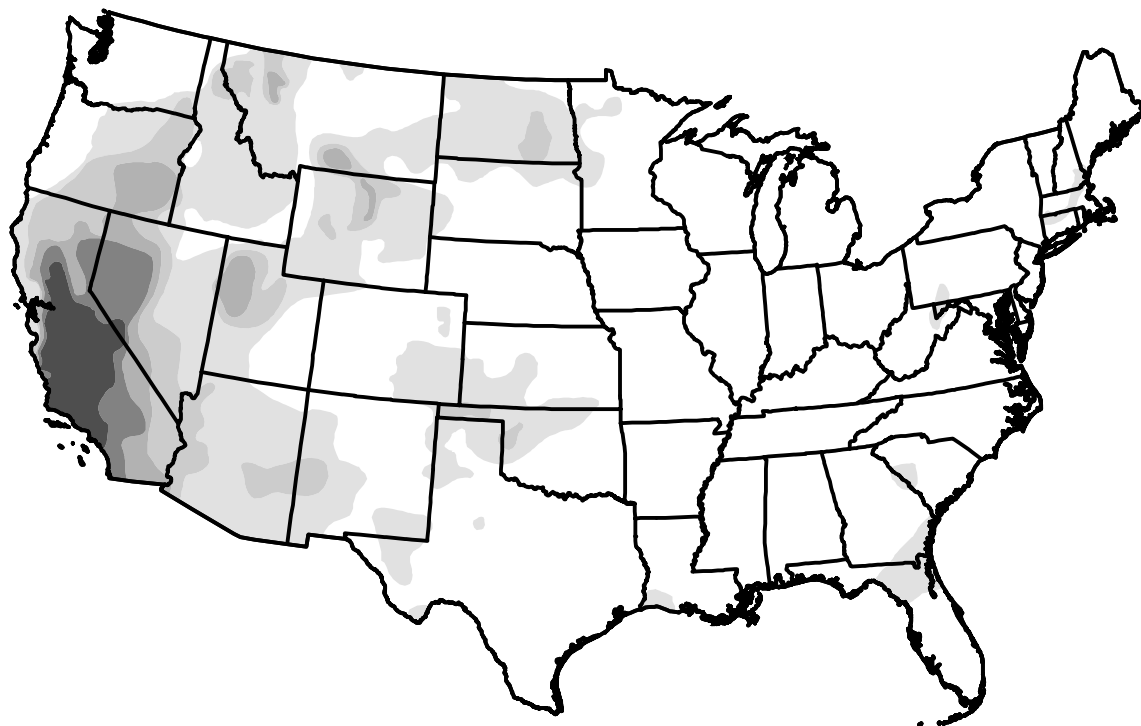


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.50	21.08	5.96	2.70	1.89	1.87
Last Week <i>03-08-2016</i>	64.58	22.99	5.01	3.36	1.86	2.19
3 Months Ago <i>12-15-2015</i>	65.41	14.97	6.49	6.53	3.89	2.70
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2015</i>	66.99	14.27	7.18	5.28	3.58	2.70
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>03-17-2015</i>	46.04	19.22	18.48	7.63	5.45	3.17

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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