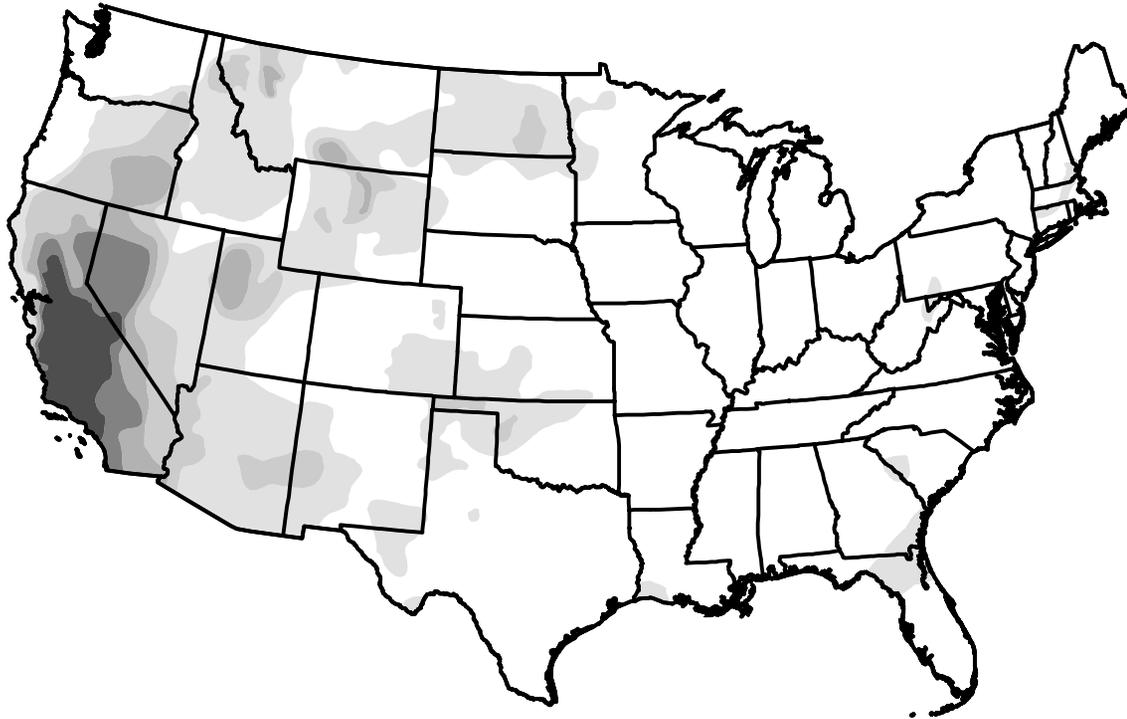


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 66.50 | 33.49 | 12.41 | 6.46 | 3.76 | 1.87 |
| Last Week <i>03-08-2016</i> | 64.58 | 35.41 | 12.42 | 7.41 | 4.05 | 2.19 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>12-15-2015</i> | 65.41 | 34.58 | 19.61 | 13.12 | 6.59 | 2.70 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2015</i> | 66.99 | 33.01 | 18.74 | 11.56 | 6.28 | 2.70 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2015</i> | 44.90 | 55.09 | 31.36 | 20.09 | 11.45 | 3.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>03-17-2015</i> | 46.04 | 53.95 | 34.73 | 16.24 | 8.62 | 3.17 |

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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