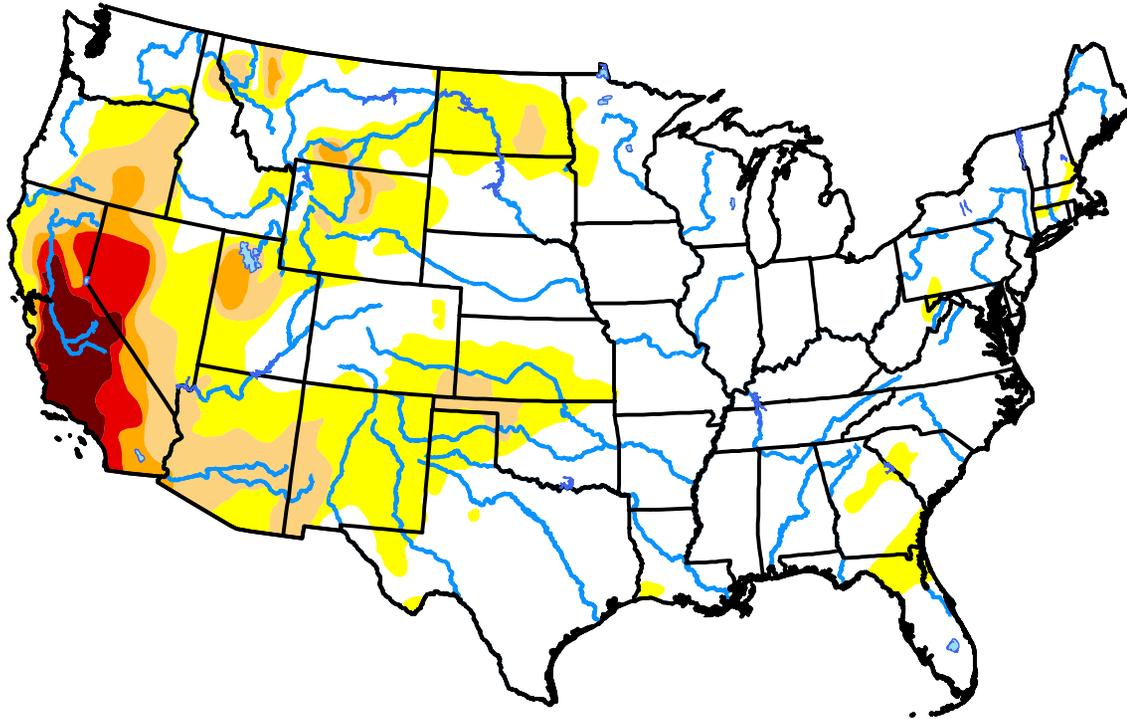


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	65.24	34.75	14.29	6.07	3.76	1.87
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-15-2016</i>	66.50	33.49	12.41	6.46	3.76	1.87
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-22-2015</i>	66.22	33.77	19.32	12.65	6.59	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>03-24-2015</i>	44.59	55.40	34.57	16.97	8.81	3.34

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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