

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 63.36 | 20.39 | 9.25 | 4.36 | 1.65 | 0.98 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>              | 61.21 | 22.94 | 9.08 | 4.09 | 1.71 | 0.97 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-05-2016</i>           | 59.30 | 25.80 | 9.84 | 2.95 | 1.17 | 0.92 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 70.63 | 13.66 | 6.03 | 4.42 | 2.99 | 2.26 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 61.21 | 22.94 | 9.08 | 4.09 | 1.71 | 0.97 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-06-2015</i>           | 53.07 | 20.49 | 8.46 | 7.90 | 7.50 | 2.56 |

### 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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