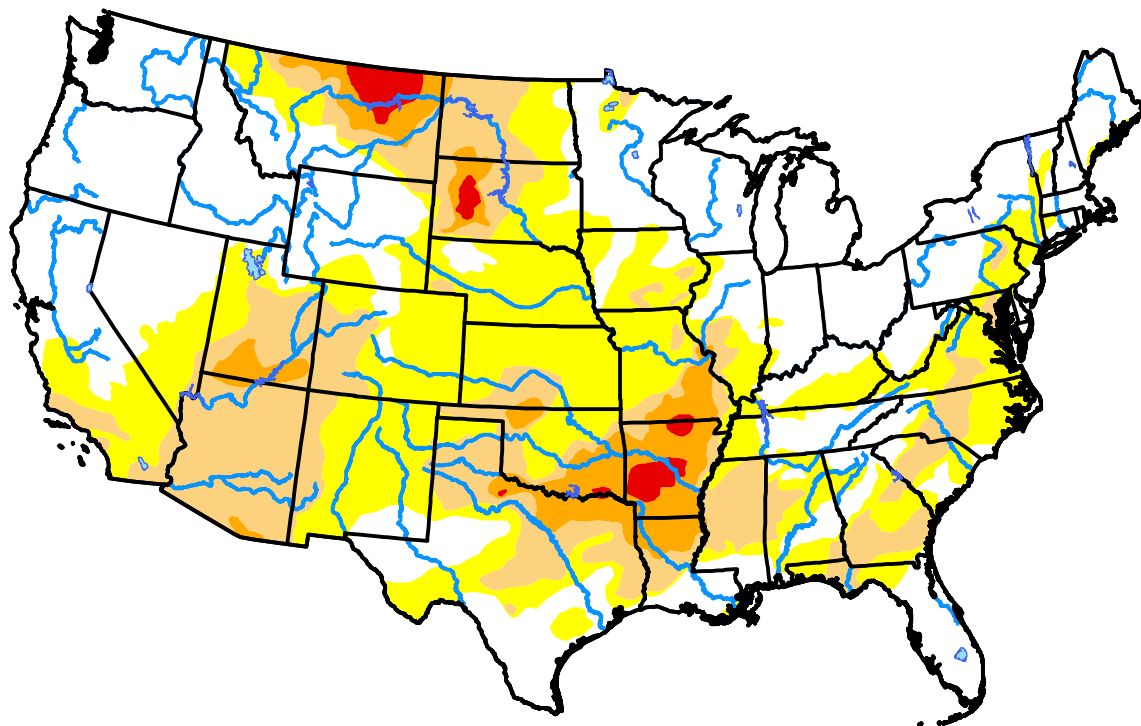


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.26	30.56	19.20	5.69	1.28	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2017</i>	45.08	31.07	17.36	4.71	1.78	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2017</i>	63.13	21.36	9.90	3.22	1.52	0.87
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2017</i>	53.89	23.57	13.90	5.48	2.18	0.96
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	63.07	23.11	8.83	2.63	1.49	0.87
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2016</i>	45.19	26.64	17.57	6.02	2.69	1.89

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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