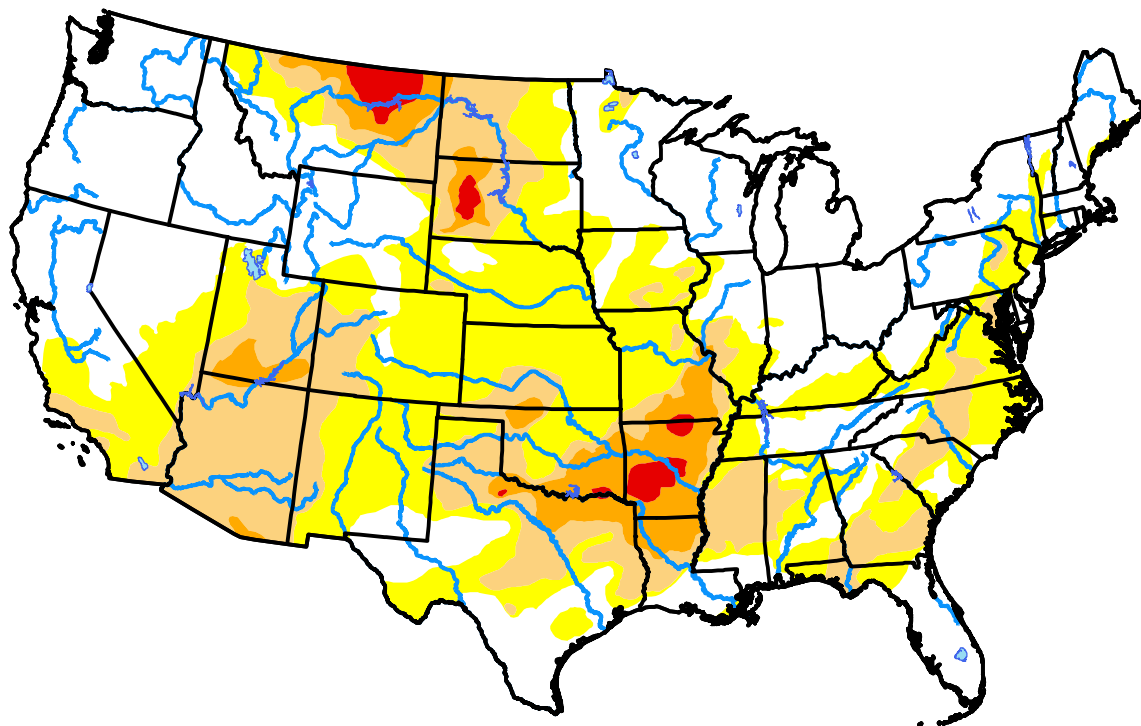


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 19, 2017
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.26	56.74	26.17	6.97	1.28	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2017</i>	45.08	54.91	23.85	6.49	1.78	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2017</i>	63.13	36.86	15.51	5.60	2.38	0.87
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2017</i>	53.89	46.10	22.53	8.63	3.15	0.96
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	63.07	36.93	13.81	4.99	2.36	0.87
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2016</i>	45.19	54.81	28.16	10.60	4.58	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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