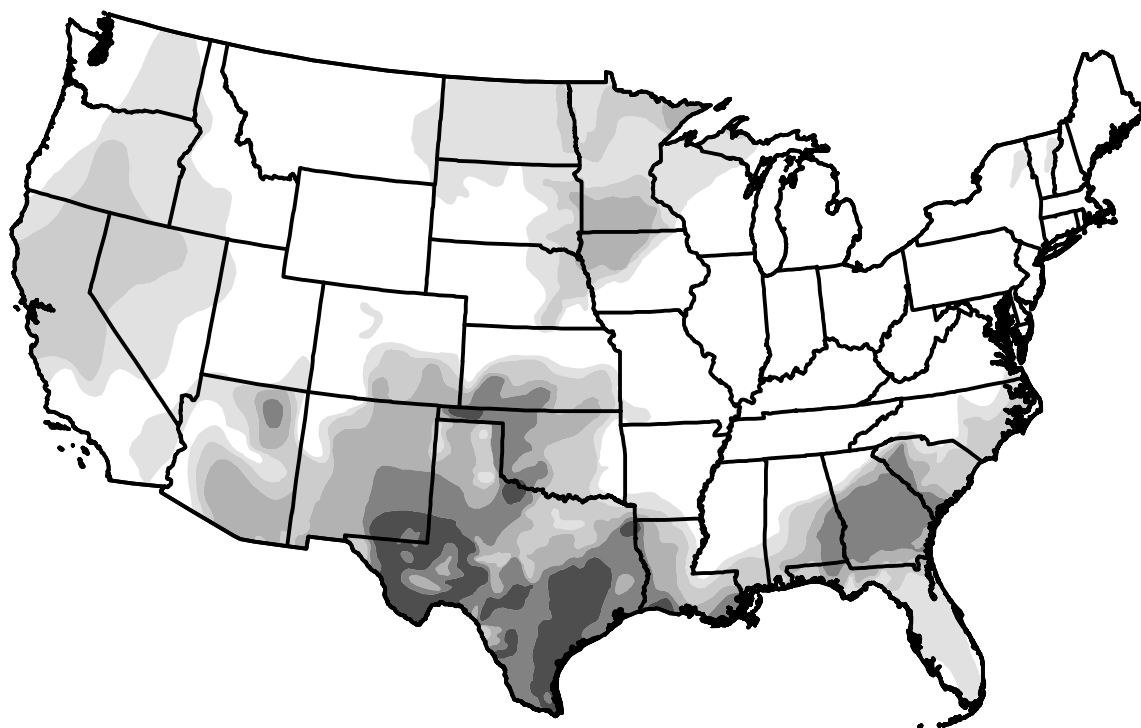


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**January 3, 2012**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 50.41 | 49.58 | 31.90 | 18.83 | 10.18 | 3.32  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-27-2011</i>              | 50.89 | 49.10 | 28.49 | 18.95 | 10.01 | 3.31  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-04-2011</i>           | 55.13 | 44.86 | 30.00 | 23.76 | 17.99 | 11.69 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.41 | 49.58 | 31.90 | 18.83 | 10.18 | 3.32  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 56.44 | 43.55 | 29.13 | 23.44 | 17.80 | 11.37 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i>           | 60.49 | 39.50 | 21.74 | 8.50  | 2.59  | 0.00  |

### 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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