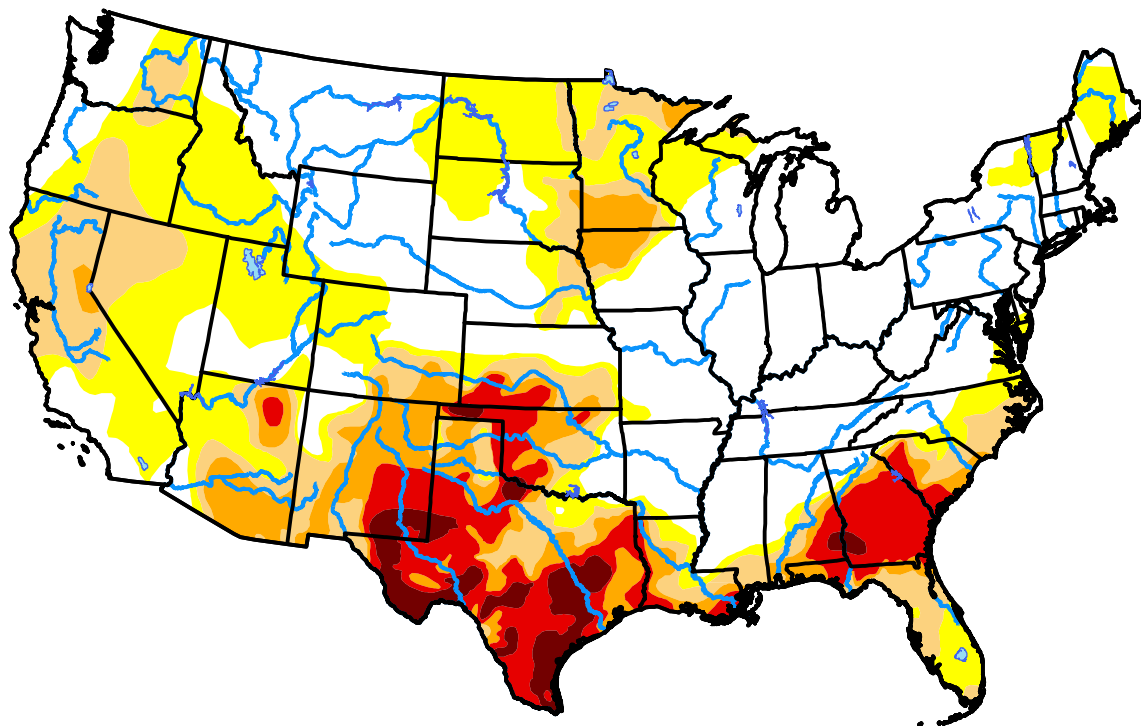


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

January 17, 2012
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.06	24.42	13.76	8.55	7.44	2.77
Last Week <i>01-10-2012</i>	46.29	21.15	13.73	9.07	7.13	2.63
3 Months Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	59.32	10.84	6.15	6.25	7.52	9.91
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.41	17.69	13.07	8.65	6.86	3.32
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.44	14.42	5.69	5.64	6.43	11.37
One Year Ago <i>01-18-2011</i>	59.28	17.78	14.98	5.78	2.18	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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