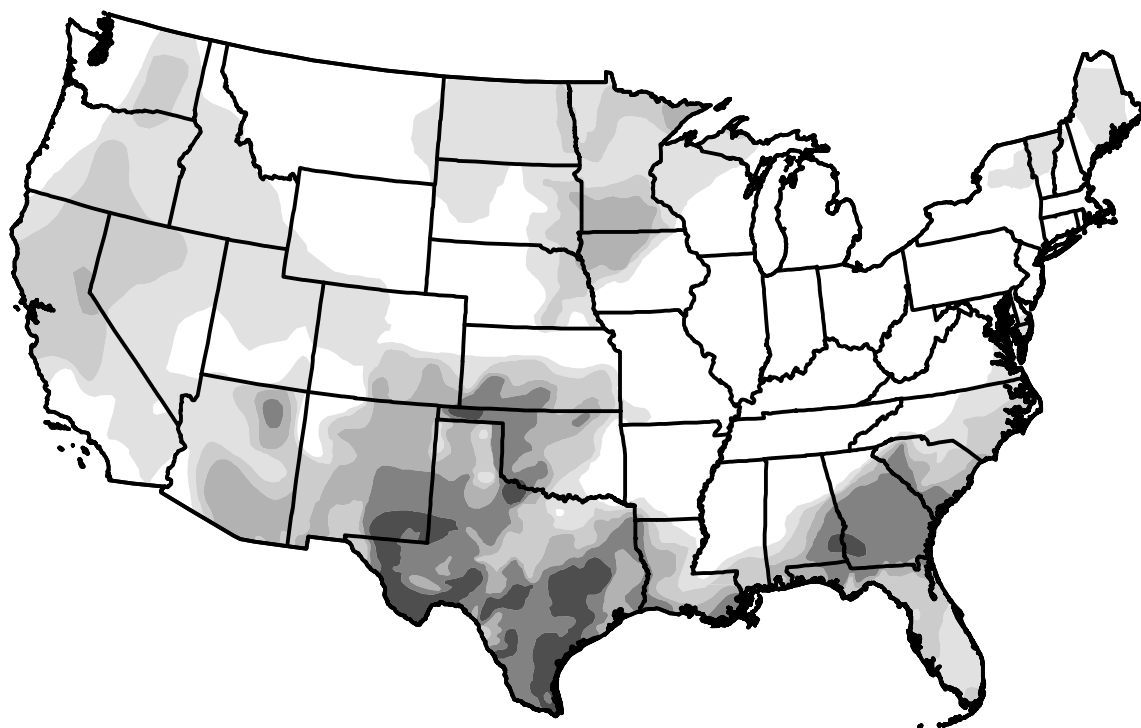


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

January 17, 2012
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.06	56.93	32.51	18.76	10.21	2.77
Last Week <i>01-10-2012</i>	46.29	53.70	32.55	18.82	9.76	2.63
3 Months Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	59.32	40.67	29.83	23.68	17.44	9.91
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.41	49.58	31.90	18.83	10.18	3.32
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.44	43.55	29.13	23.44	17.80	11.37
One Year Ago <i>01-18-2011</i>	59.28	40.71	22.94	7.96	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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