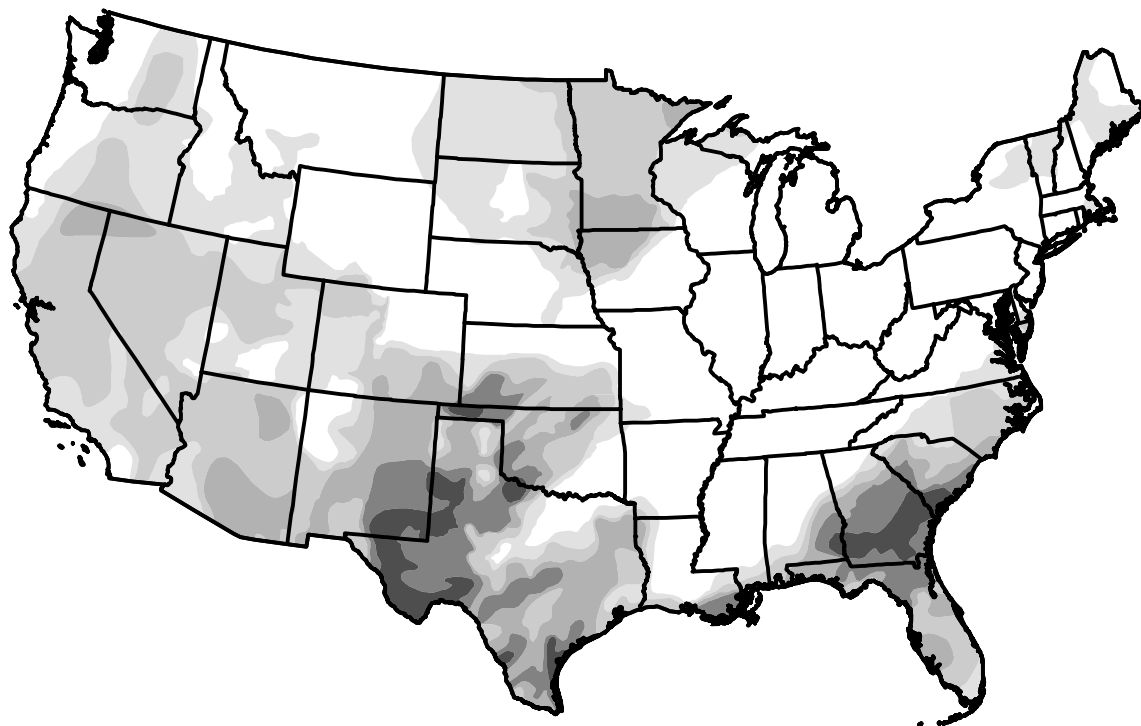


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	42.76	19.31	20.58	9.70	5.22	2.42
Last Week <i>02-14-2012</i>	42.67	19.51	19.84	8.65	6.10	3.22
3 Months Ago <i>11-22-2011</i>	56.95	11.86	7.98	6.70	8.39	8.11
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>02-22-2011</i>	56.17	15.60	16.79	9.36	2.07	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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