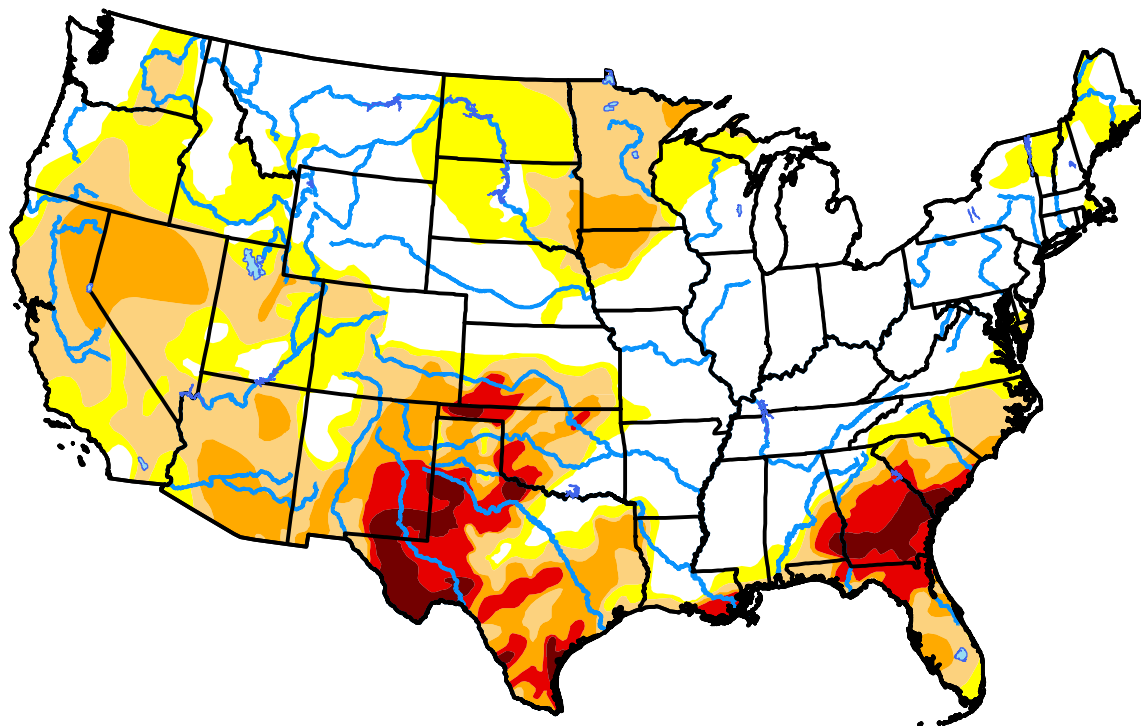


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	42.47	18.87	19.16	11.86	5.14	2.50
Last Week <i>02-21-2012</i>	42.76	19.31	20.58	9.70	5.22	2.42
3 Months Ago <i>11-29-2011</i>	58.95	11.70	7.44	6.93	8.98	5.98
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>03-01-2011</i>	57.03	15.05	15.45	10.16	2.30	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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