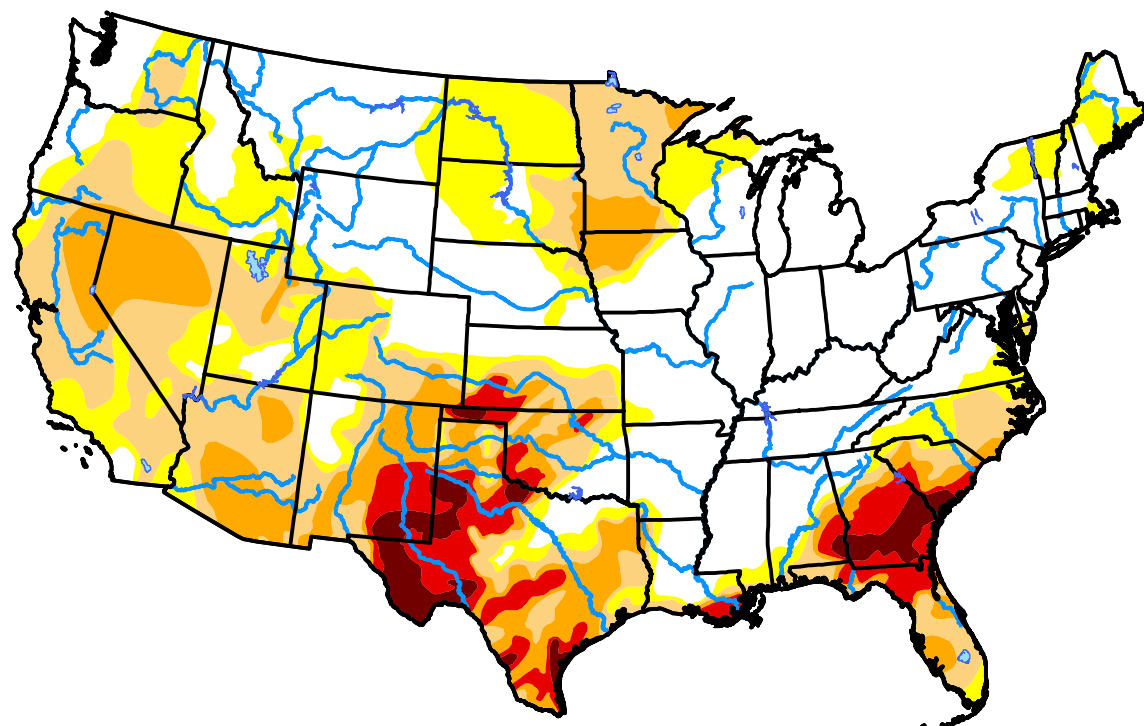


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	42.47	57.52	38.65	19.50	7.63	2.50
Last Week <i>02-21-2012</i>	42.76	57.23	37.92	17.34	7.64	2.42
3 Months Ago <i>11-29-2011</i>	58.95	41.04	29.34	21.90	14.97	5.98
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>03-01-2011</i>	57.03	42.96	27.92	12.46	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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