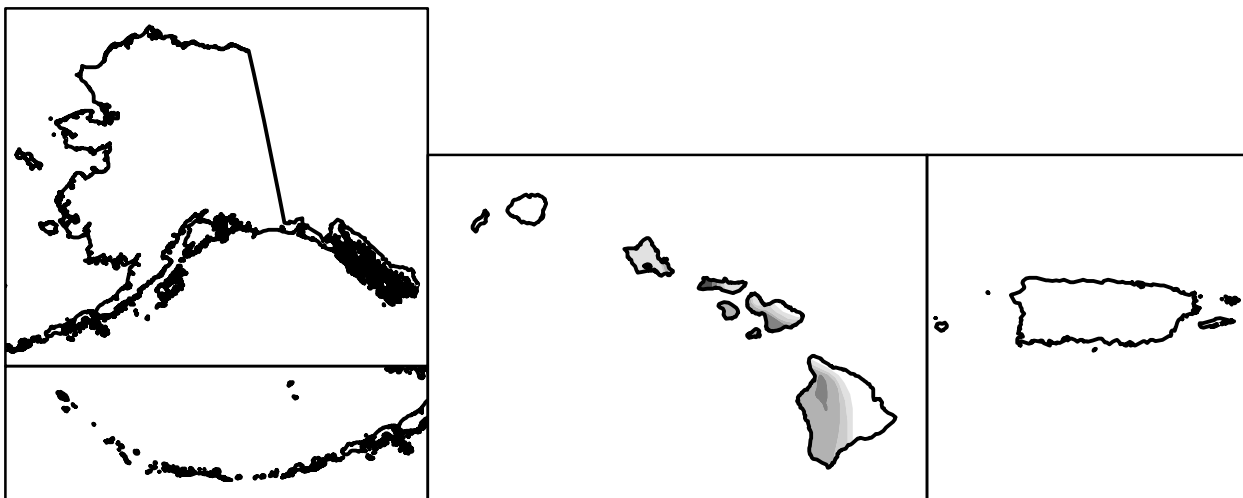
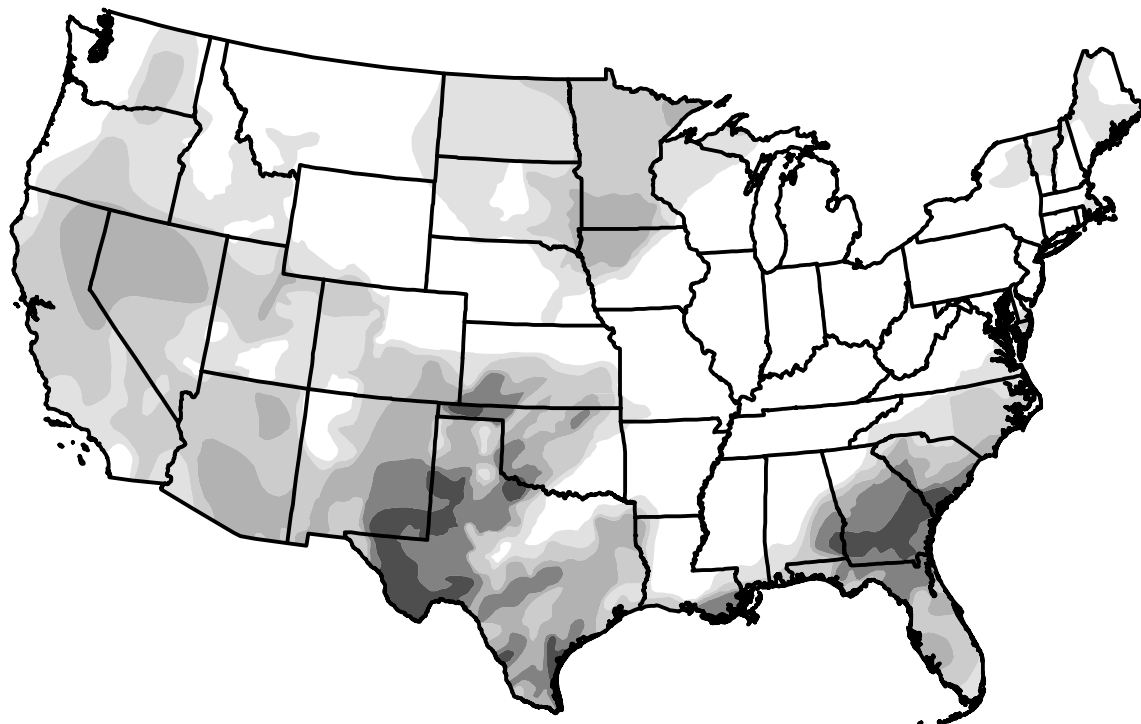


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**February 28, 2012**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 51.82 | 48.17 | 32.38 | 16.36 | 6.39  | 2.09 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-21-2012</i>              | 52.01 | 47.97 | 31.77 | 14.54 | 6.39  | 2.03 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-29-2011</i>           | 65.57 | 34.42 | 24.61 | 18.33 | 12.51 | 5.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 58.47 | 41.52 | 26.73 | 15.78 | 8.51  | 2.77 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 63.44 | 36.55 | 24.42 | 19.61 | 14.87 | 9.50 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-01-2011</i>           | 61.26 | 38.73 | 23.44 | 10.43 | 1.92  | 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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