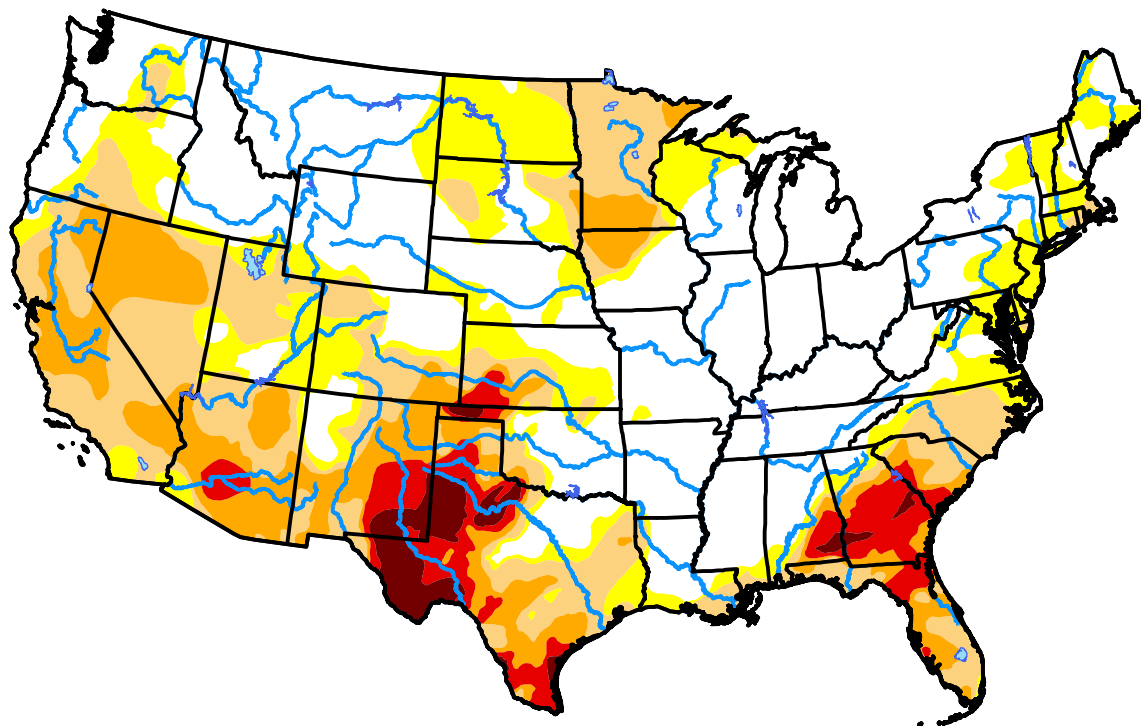


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	43.91	56.08	38.31	19.19	6.88	2.21
Last Week <i>03-13-2012</i>	41.75	58.24	39.77	20.86	7.29	2.41
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	57.24	42.75	27.54	19.37	11.17	4.38
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>03-22-2011</i>	60.68	39.31	27.33	14.91	4.77	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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