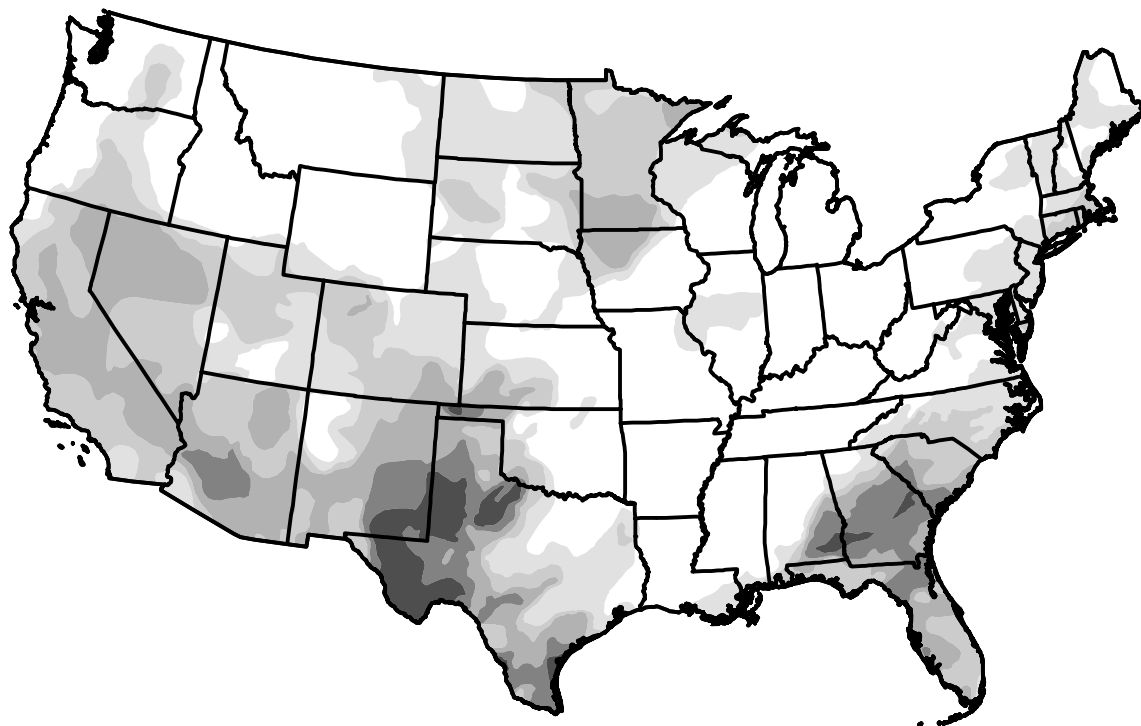


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.56	20.51	16.52	12.68	4.57	2.15
Last Week <i>03-20-2012</i>	43.91	17.77	19.12	12.32	4.67	2.21
3 Months Ago <i>12-27-2011</i>	50.89	20.61	9.54	8.94	6.71	3.31
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>03-29-2011</i>	61.75	10.10	9.92	11.80	6.41	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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