

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 50.22 | 18.83 | 14.51 | 10.93 | 3.92 | 1.58 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-10-2012</i>              | 49.03 | 18.85 | 15.24 | 11.23 | 3.92 | 1.72 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-17-2012</i>           | 52.32 | 20.42 | 11.52 | 7.19  | 6.21 | 2.31 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 58.47 | 14.79 | 10.95 | 7.28  | 5.73 | 2.77 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 63.44 | 12.13 | 4.81  | 4.73  | 5.37 | 9.50 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-19-2011</i>           | 66.30 | 10.71 | 7.10  | 7.63  | 7.06 | 1.19 |

### 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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