

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

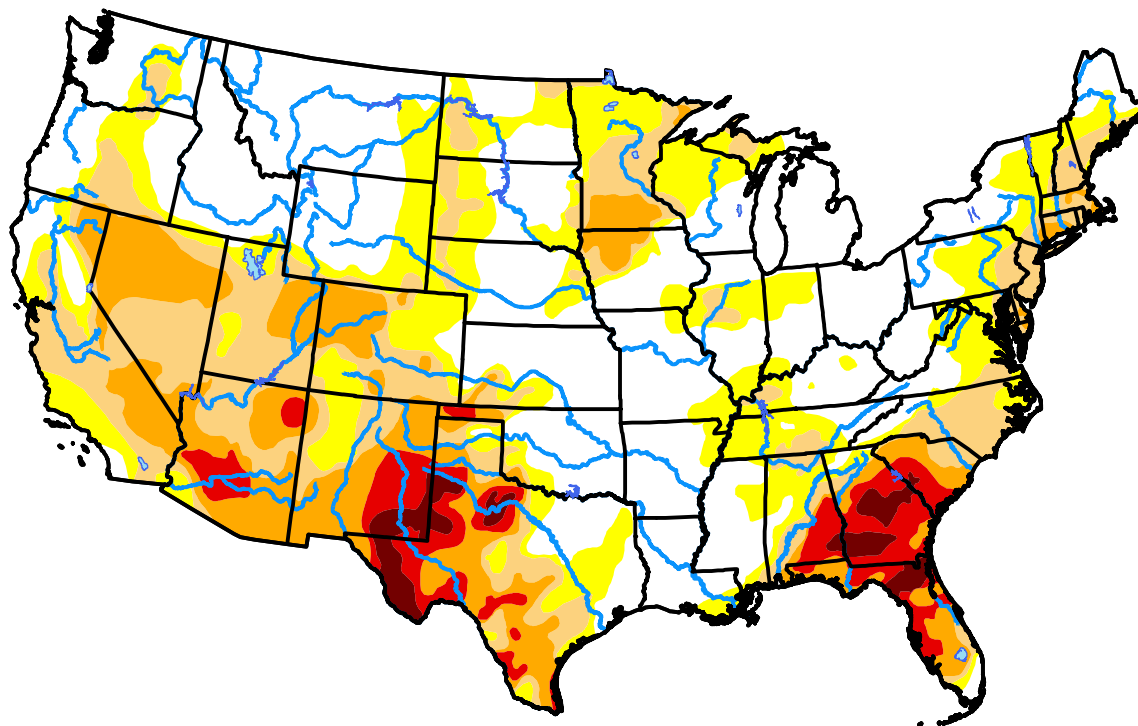
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 40.67 | 21.15 | 17.77 | 13.48 | 5.00 | 1.93  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-24-2012</i>              | 40.58 | 22.35 | 17.12 | 13.30 | 4.79 | 1.86  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-31-2012</i>           | 41.84 | 20.29 | 19.46 | 8.81  | 6.41 | 3.19  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.41 | 17.69 | 13.07 | 8.65  | 6.86 | 3.32  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 56.44 | 14.42 | 5.69  | 5.64  | 6.43 | 11.37 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-03-2011</i>           | 66.22 | 7.38  | 7.14  | 7.60  | 8.54 | 3.12  |



### 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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