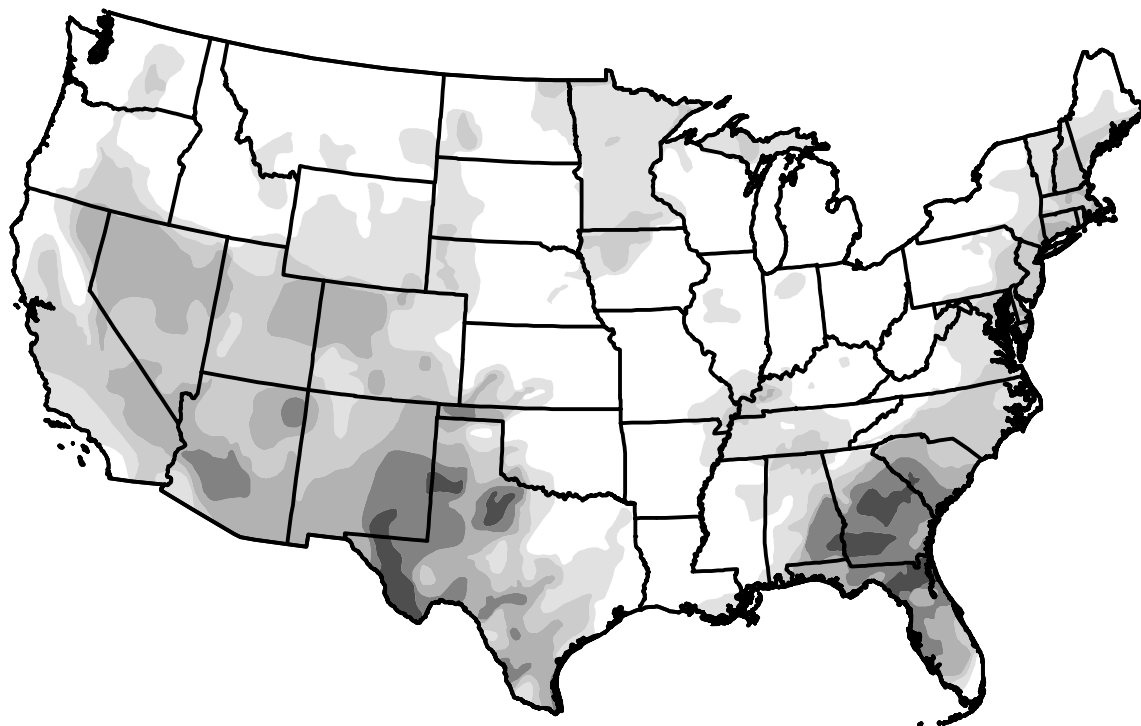


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	43.88	20.24	16.23	12.87	5.16	1.61
Last Week <i>05-01-2012</i>	40.67	21.15	17.77	13.48	5.00	1.93
3 Months Ago <i>02-07-2012</i>	42.97	19.16	19.86	8.84	6.03	3.14
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>05-10-2011</i>	66.19	7.38	5.89	8.05	6.54	5.94

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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