

U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

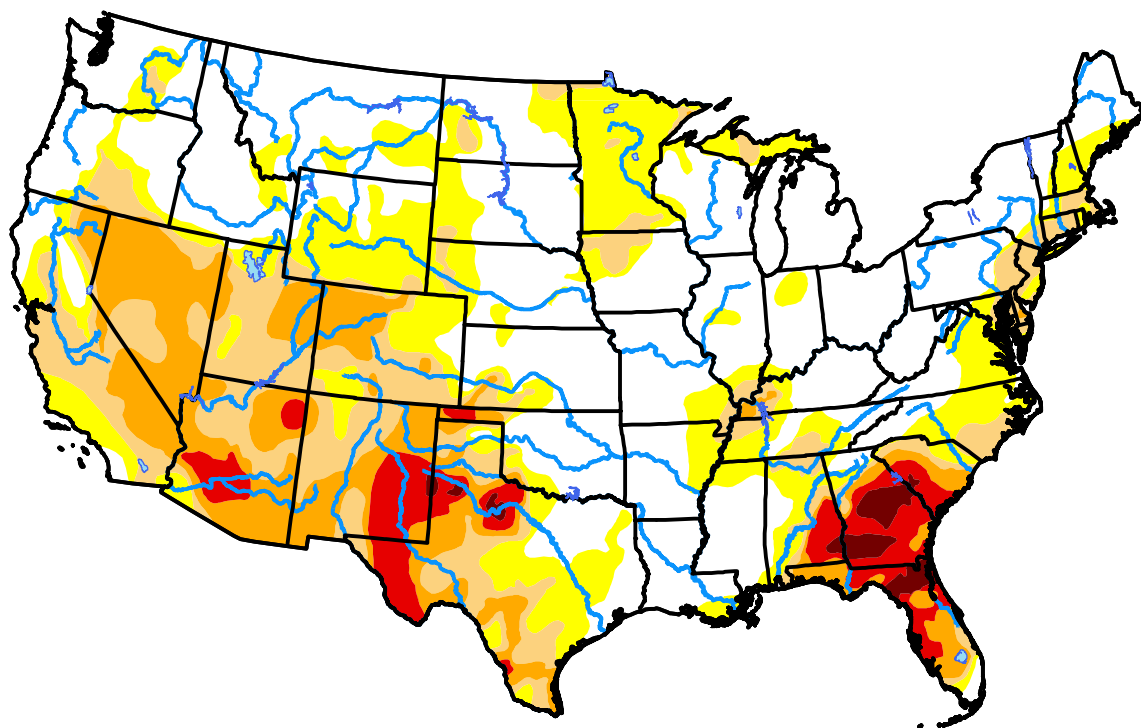
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.20	21.15	15.24	12.68	4.69	1.02
Last Week <i>05-08-2012</i>	43.88	20.24	16.23	12.87	5.16	1.61
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2012</i>	42.67	19.51	19.84	8.65	6.10	3.22
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>05-17-2011</i>	67.69	5.95	5.67	7.50	7.14	6.04



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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