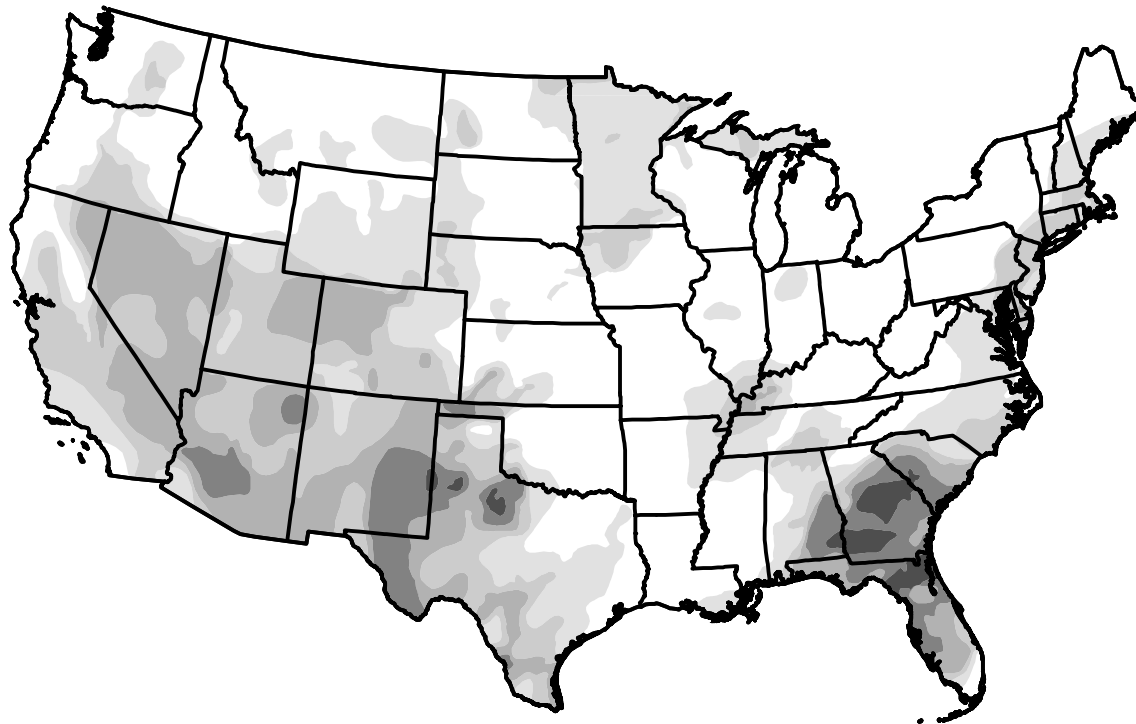


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	45.20	54.79	33.63	18.39	5.71	1.02
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-08-2012</i>	43.88	56.11	35.87	19.64	6.77	1.61
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-14-2012</i>	42.67	57.32	37.81	17.97	9.32	3.22
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.41	49.58	31.90	18.83	10.18	3.32
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.44	43.55	29.13	23.44	17.80	11.37
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-17-2011</i>	67.69	32.30	26.35	20.68	13.18	6.04

***Intensity:***



*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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