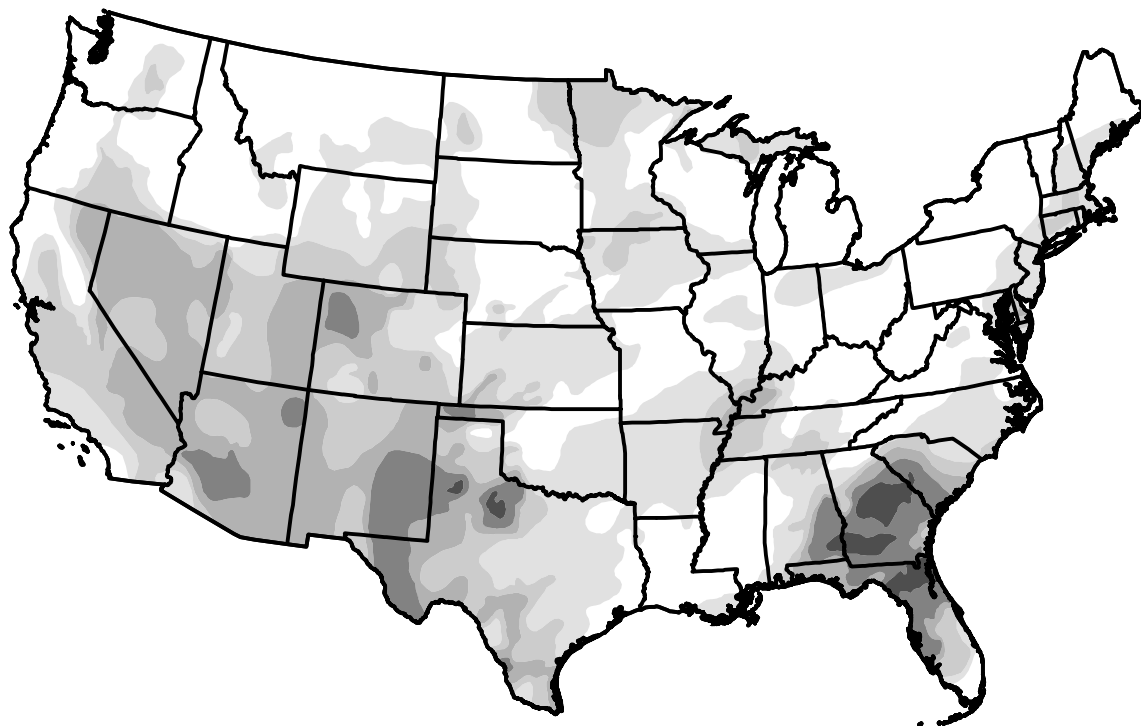


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.68	27.01	15.84	13.51	4.99	0.95
Last Week <i>05-15-2012</i>	45.20	21.15	15.24	12.68	4.69	1.02
3 Months Ago <i>02-21-2012</i>	42.76	19.31	20.58	9.70	5.22	2.42
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>05-24-2011</i>	68.67	5.86	5.21	6.80	7.84	5.62

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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