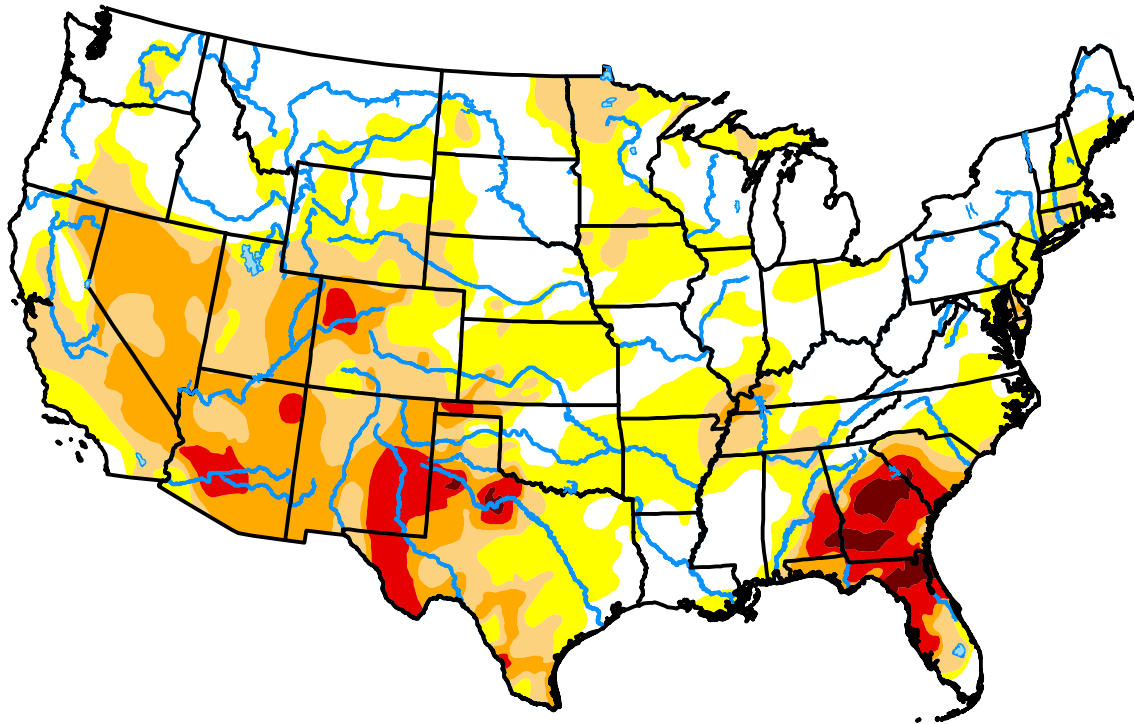


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**May 22, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, May. 24, 2012)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	47.82	22.59	13.27	11.32	4.19	0.80
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-15-2012</i>	54.11	17.70	12.77	10.63	3.93	0.85
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-21-2012</i>	52.01	16.20	17.23	8.15	4.37	2.03
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	58.47	14.79	10.95	7.28	5.73	2.77
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	63.44	12.13	4.81	4.73	5.37	9.50
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-24-2011</i>	70.77	7.88	4.41	5.68	6.55	4.69

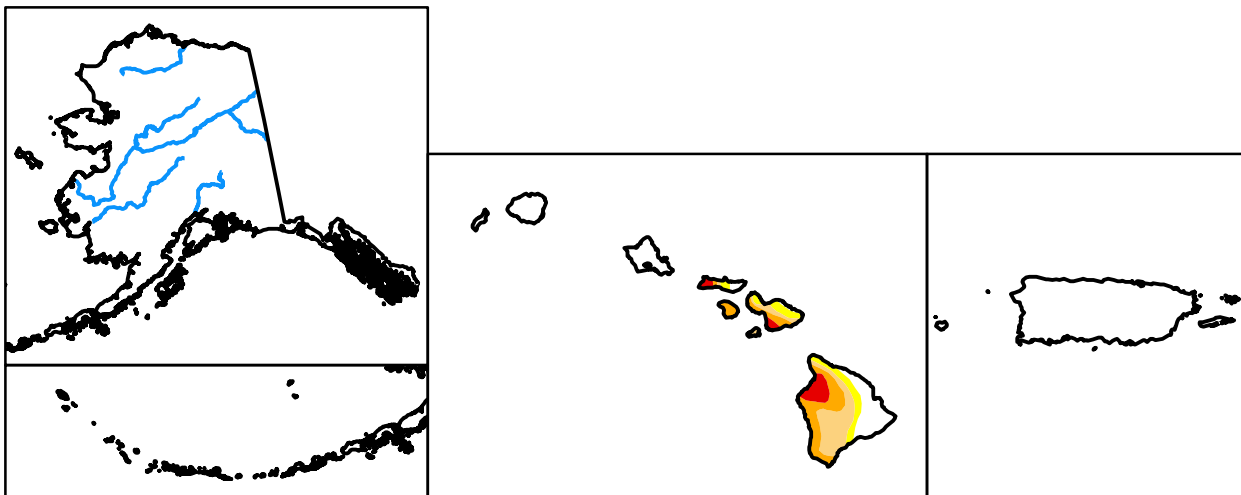
**Intensity:**



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