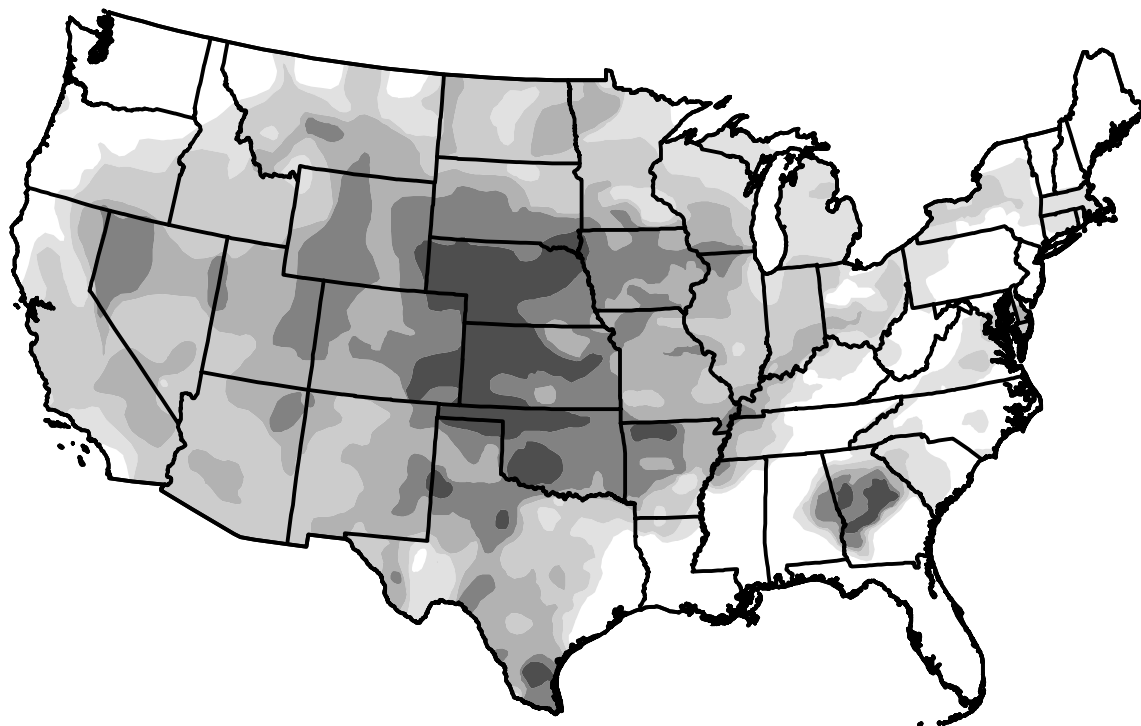


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	21.84	13.33	23.75	20.32	14.78	5.96
Last Week <i>09-11-2012</i>	21.47	14.37	22.35	20.72	14.86	6.23
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2012</i>	31.21	22.06	22.45	19.08	4.90	0.29
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>09-20-2011</i>	57.22	12.31	6.82	5.66	6.64	11.34

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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