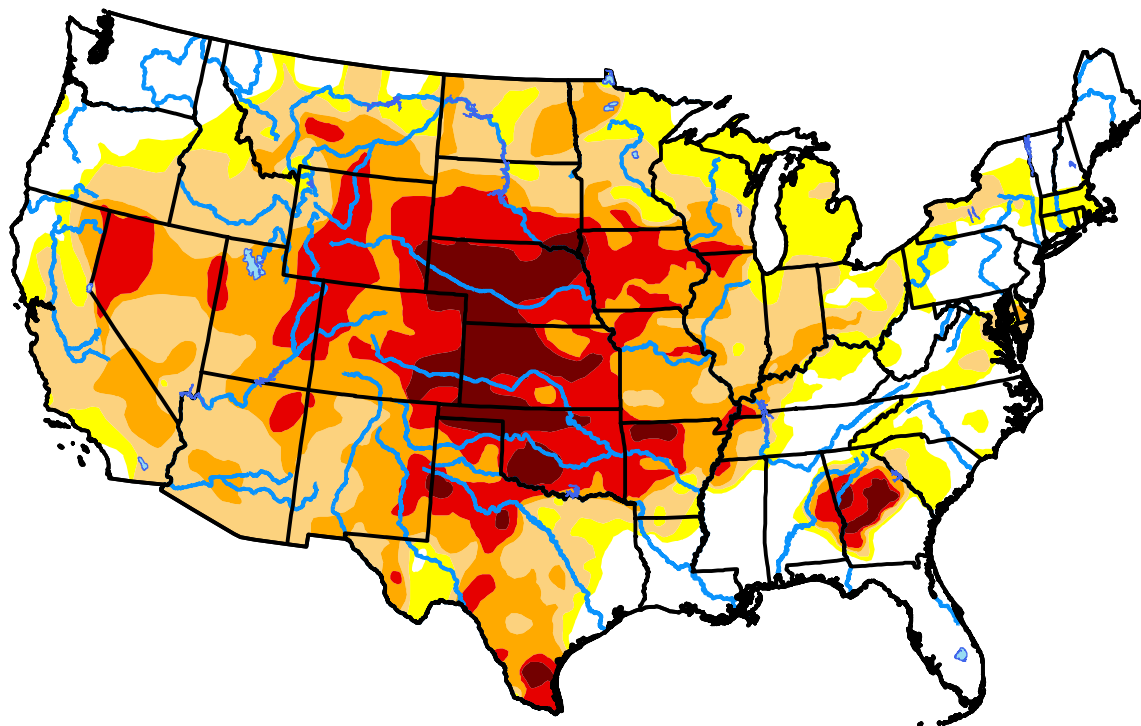


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.84	78.15	64.82	41.07	20.74	5.96
Last Week <i>09-11-2012</i>	21.47	78.52	64.16	41.81	21.09	6.23
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2012</i>	31.21	68.78	46.72	24.27	5.19	0.29
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.41	49.58	31.90	18.83	10.18	3.32
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	56.44	43.55	29.13	23.44	17.80	11.37
One Year Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	57.22	42.77	30.46	23.64	17.98	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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