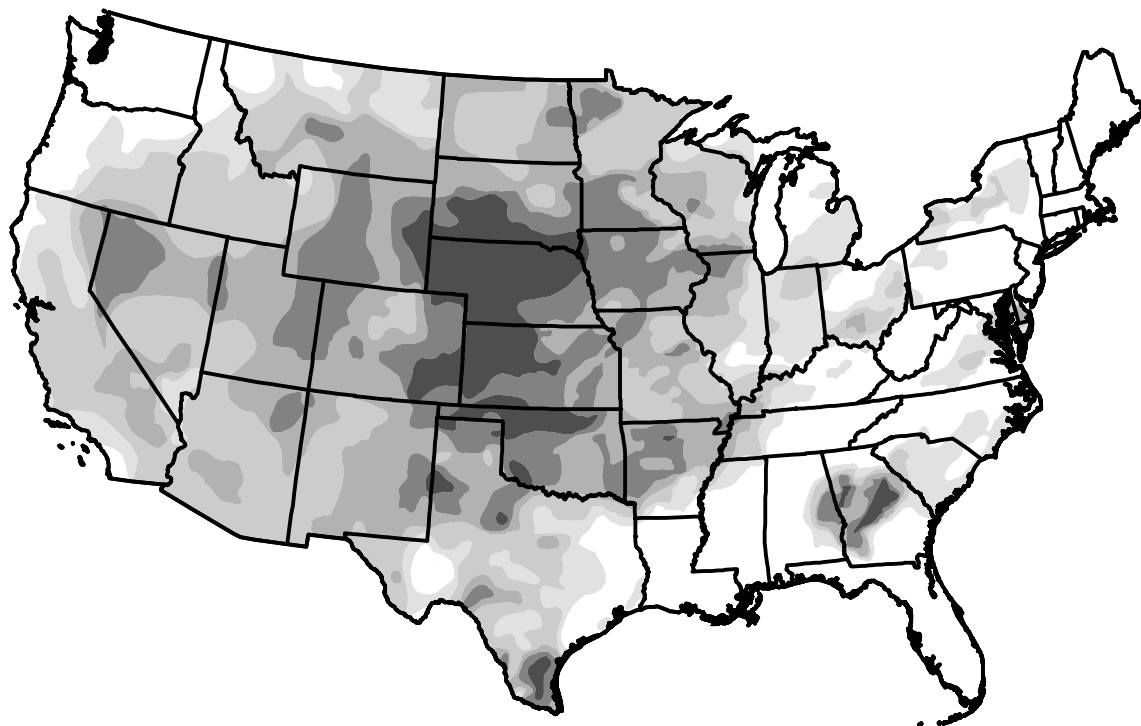


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	25.01	12.59	23.56	19.75	13.24	5.84
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	23.27	13.18	23.63	19.76	13.97	6.18
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	19.24	17.21	21.30	28.71	12.54	0.99
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>09-25-2012</i>	23.40	11.14	23.33	20.64	15.36	6.12
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	59.32	10.84	6.15	6.25	7.52	9.91

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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