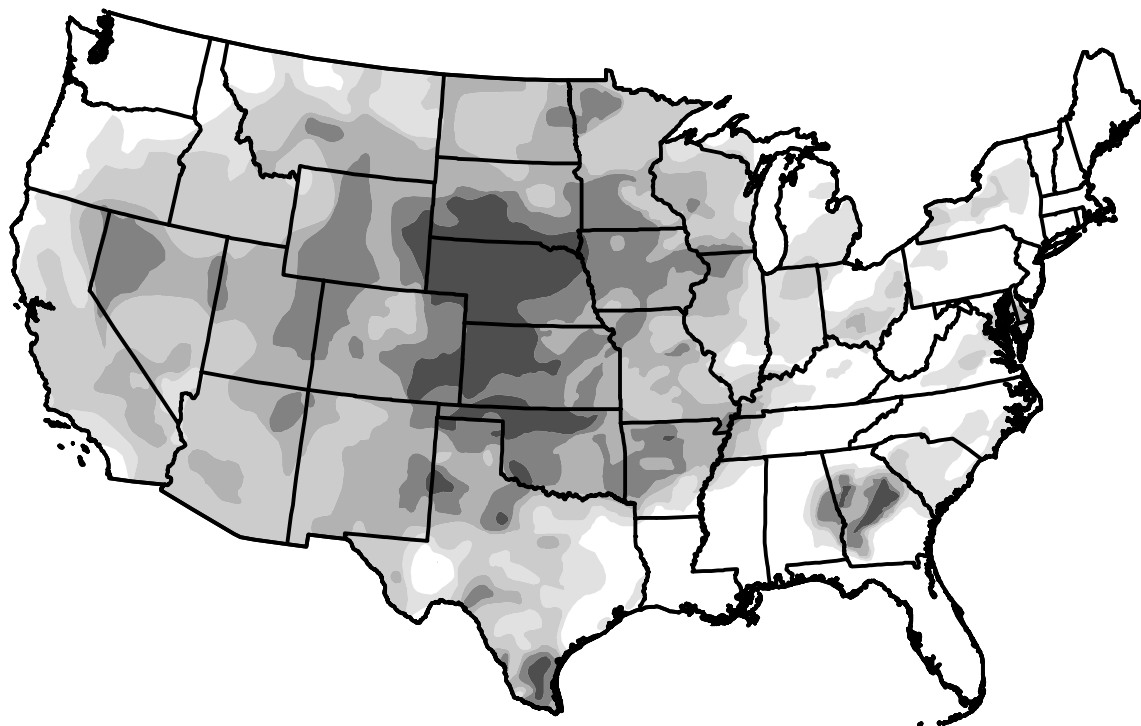


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	25.01	74.98	62.39	38.83	19.08	5.84
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	23.27	76.72	63.55	39.91	20.15	6.18
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	19.24	80.75	63.54	42.23	13.53	0.99
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>09-25-2012</i>	23.40	76.59	65.45	42.12	21.48	6.12
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	59.32	40.67	29.83	23.68	17.44	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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