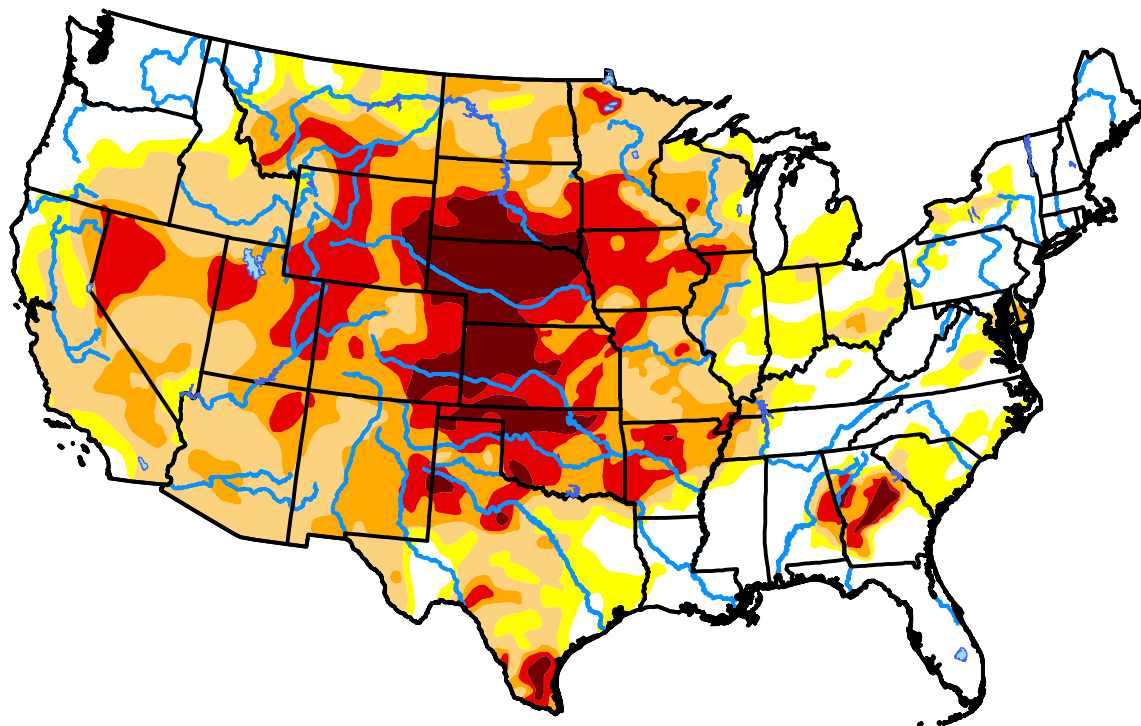


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	25.64	74.35	61.79	38.64	19.52	5.84
Last Week <i>10-16-2012</i>	25.01	74.98	62.39	38.83	19.08	5.84
3 Months Ago <i>07-24-2012</i>	19.91	80.08	63.86	45.57	20.57	2.38
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>10-25-2011</i>	58.95	41.04	30.26	23.95	17.26	9.55

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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