

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**September 20, 2016**

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 62.35 | 37.64 | 15.72 | 6.48  | 2.46  | 0.92 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-13-2016</i>              | 63.04 | 36.95 | 15.33 | 6.45  | 2.39  | 0.92 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-21-2016</i>           | 61.04 | 38.95 | 12.45 | 4.24  | 1.89  | 0.92 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 70.63 | 29.36 | 15.70 | 9.67  | 5.25  | 2.26 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2015</i>    | 47.01 | 52.98 | 26.82 | 16.82 | 9.58  | 2.51 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-22-2015</i>           | 47.24 | 52.75 | 26.93 | 16.57 | 9.49  | 2.51 |

### 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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