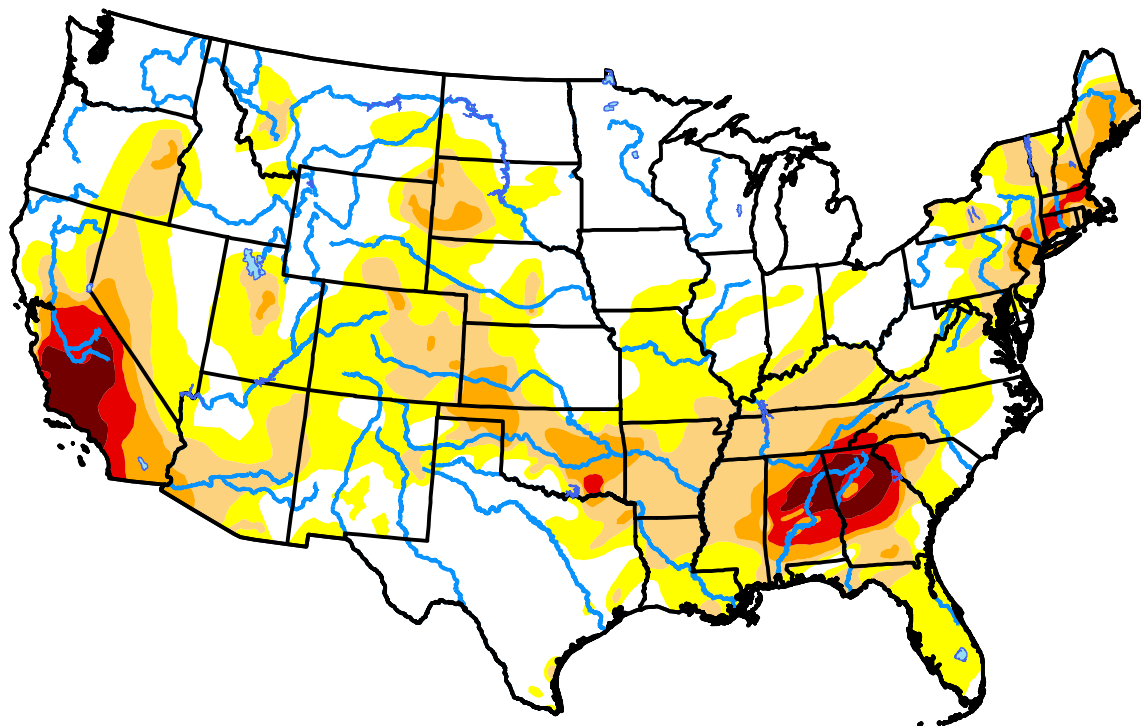


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 20, 2016
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	45.19	26.64	17.57	6.02	2.69	1.89
Last Week <i>12-13-2016</i>	45.78	24.39	16.93	7.87	3.03	1.99
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2016</i>	54.96	26.22	11.06	4.82	1.83	1.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2015</i>	66.99	14.27	7.18	5.28	3.58	2.70
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2016</i>	53.60	27.44	10.86	4.90	2.04	1.16
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2015</i>	66.22	14.45	6.67	6.06	3.89	2.70

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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