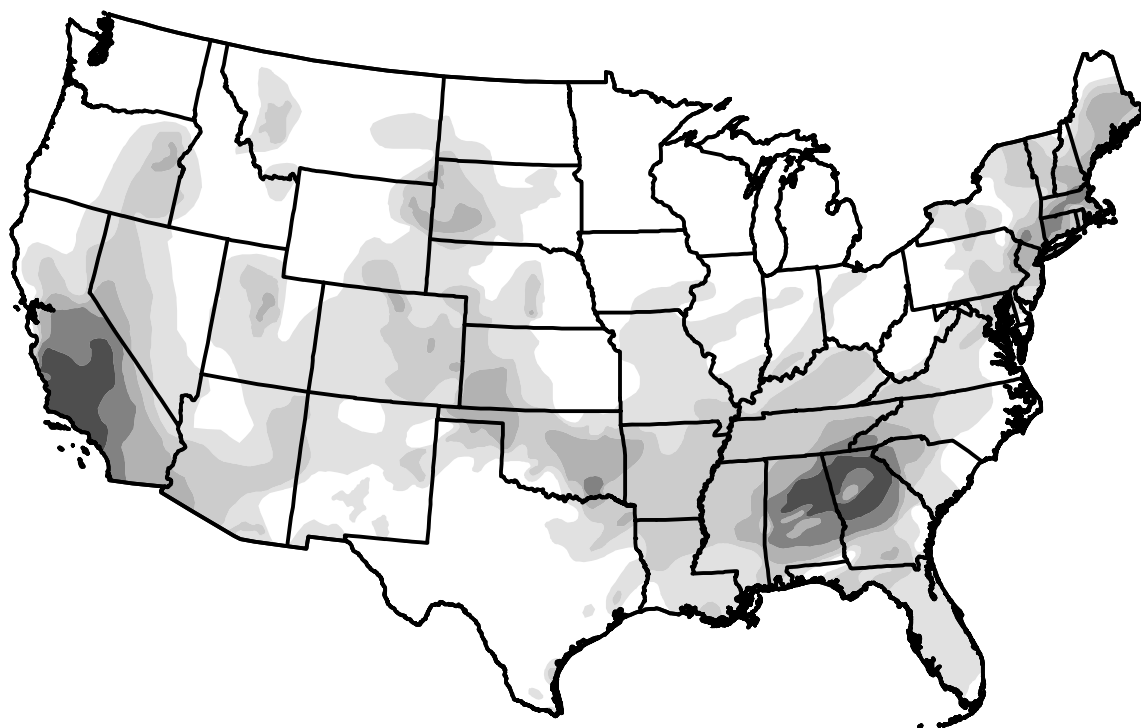


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 20, 2016**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

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