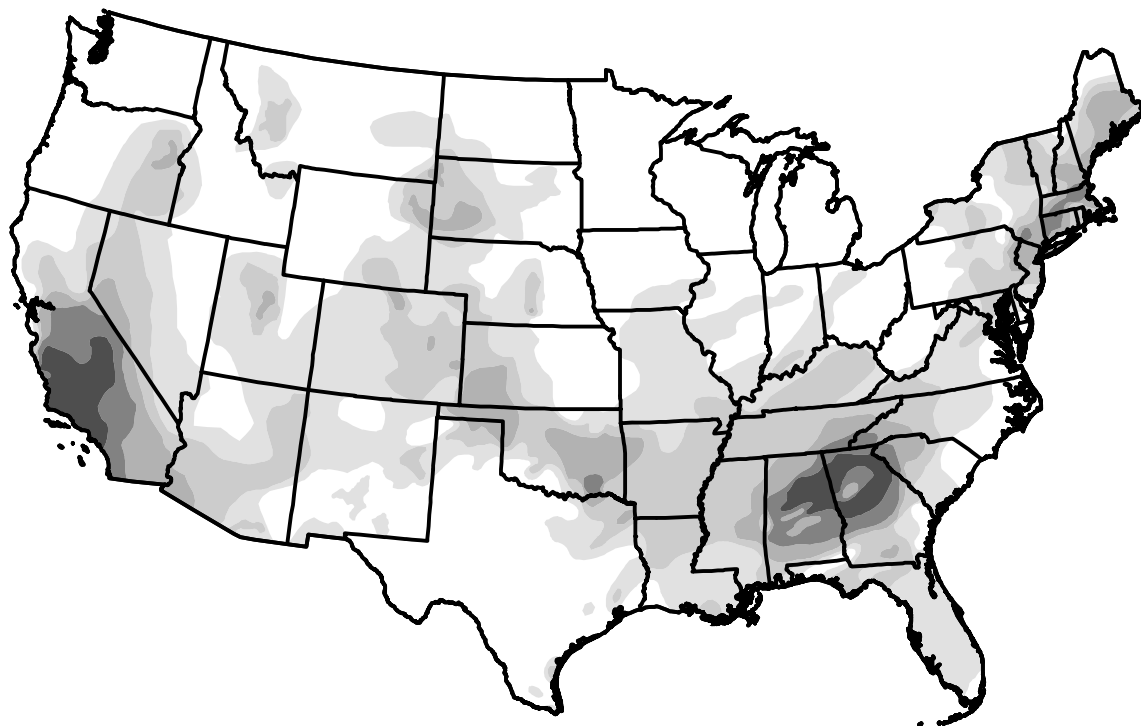


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

December 20, 2016
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.19	54.81	28.16	10.60	4.58	1.89
Last Week <i>12-13-2016</i>	45.78	54.21	29.82	12.89	5.02	1.99
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2016</i>	54.96	45.03	18.81	7.76	2.94	1.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-29-2015</i>	66.99	33.01	18.74	11.56	6.28	2.70
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2016</i>	53.60	46.39	18.96	8.10	3.20	1.16
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2015</i>	66.22	33.77	19.32	12.65	6.59	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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