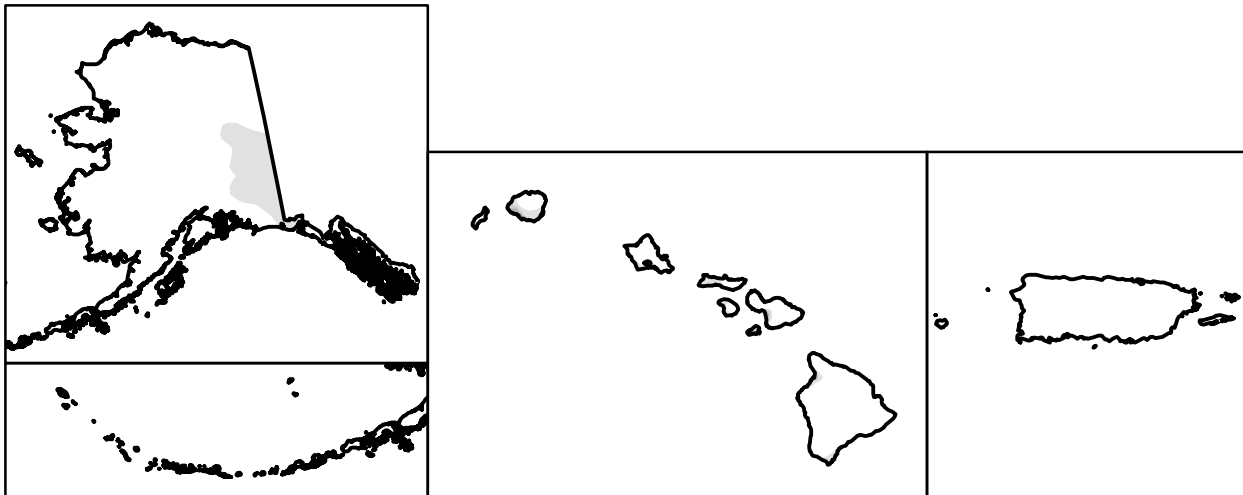
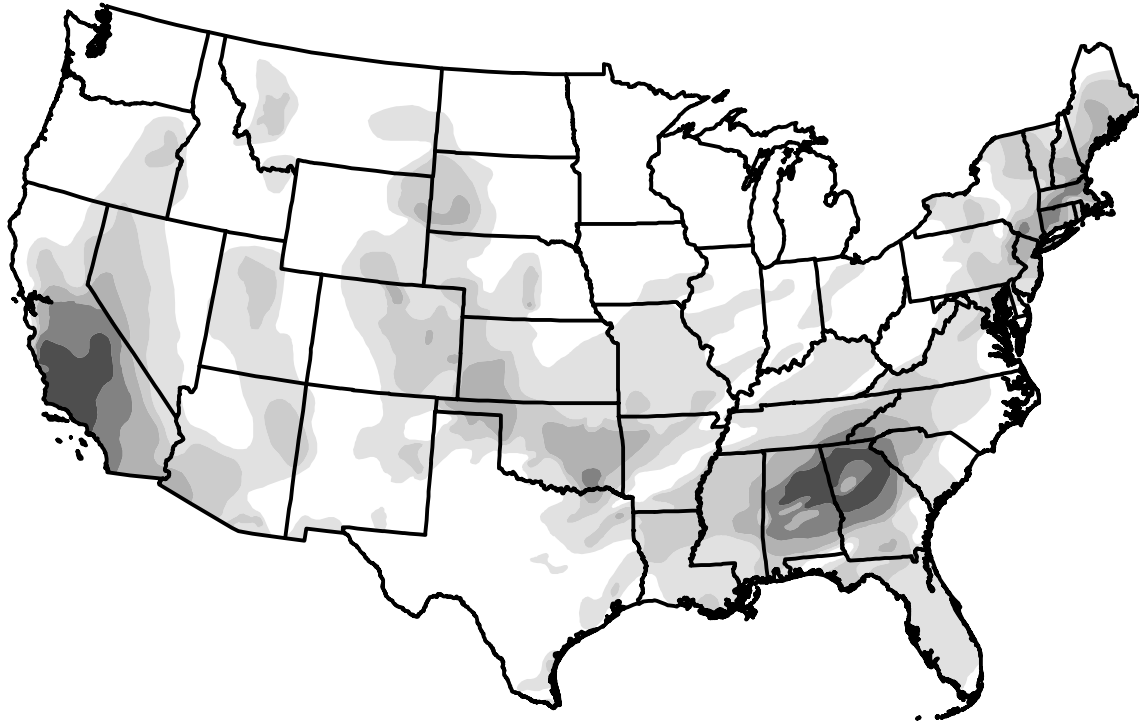


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

**December 27, 2016**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.08	43.91	20.09	8.43	3.78	1.51
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-20-2016</i>	52.74	47.25	23.53	8.85	3.82	1.58
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	61.21	38.78	15.84	6.77	2.67	0.97
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	70.63	29.36	15.70	9.67	5.25	2.26
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	61.21	38.78	15.84	6.77	2.67	0.97
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	70.63	29.36	15.70	9.67	5.25	2.26

***Intensity:***



*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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