

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 68.43 | 31.56 | 11.52 | 2.77  | 0.28  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-14-2017</i>              | 71.99 | 28.00 | 11.32 | 2.65  | 0.29  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-22-2016</i>           | 52.54 | 47.45 | 26.02 | 14.26 | 6.90  | 2.28 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 59.70 | 40.29 | 18.83 | 7.21  | 2.63  | 0.80 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 61.21 | 38.78 | 15.84 | 6.77  | 2.67  | 0.97 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-23-2016</i>           | 73.14 | 26.85 | 12.32 | 6.50  | 3.39  | 1.83 |

### 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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