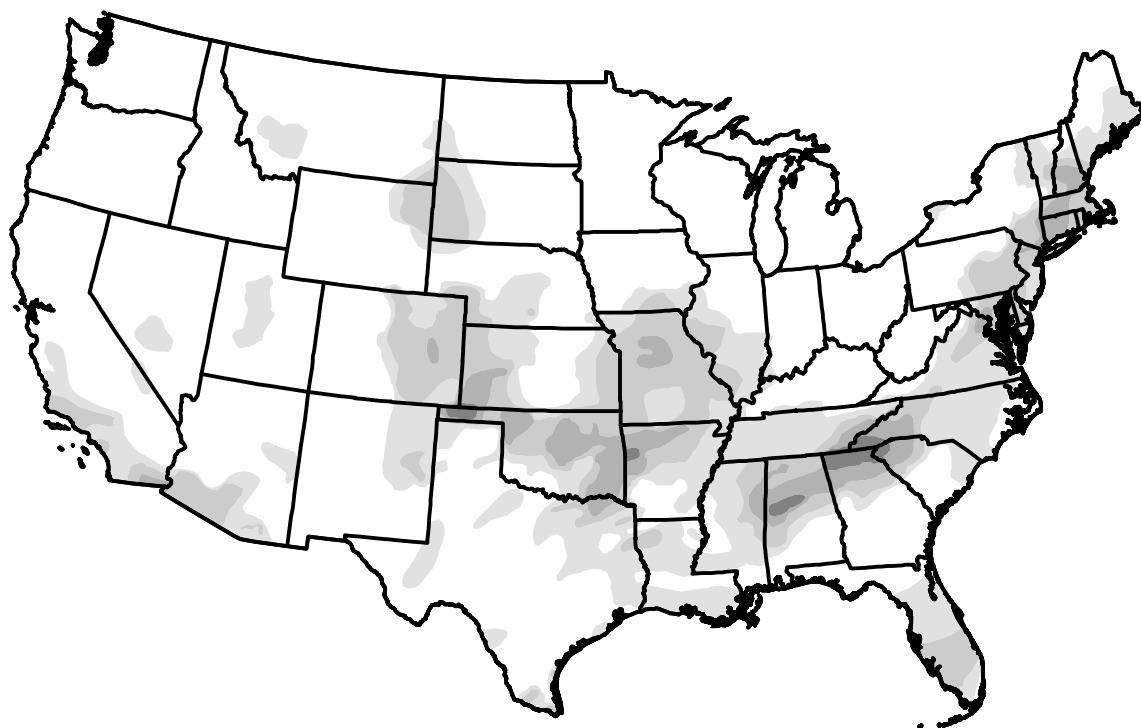


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)



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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 67.22 | 32.77 | 14.93 | 4.00  | 0.53  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>02-28-2017              | 66.28 | 33.71 | 14.07 | 3.68  | 0.49  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>12-06-2016           | 45.17 | 54.82 | 30.38 | 13.97 | 5.30  | 1.99 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2017 | 53.89 | 46.10 | 22.53 | 8.63  | 3.15  | 0.96 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2016    | 53.60 | 46.39 | 18.96 | 8.10  | 3.20  | 1.16 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>03-08-2016           | 64.58 | 35.41 | 12.42 | 7.41  | 4.05  | 2.19 |

### 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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