

# 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>                                     | 68.22 | 31.77 | 12.74 | 3.30  | 0.41  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-07-2017</i>              | 67.44 | 32.55 | 12.49 | 3.34  | 0.45  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-13-2016</i>           | 53.20 | 46.79 | 24.93 | 10.77 | 4.20  | 1.66 |
| <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>03-15-2016</i>           | 69.20 | 30.79 | 10.52 | 5.43  | 3.14  | 1.56 |

### 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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