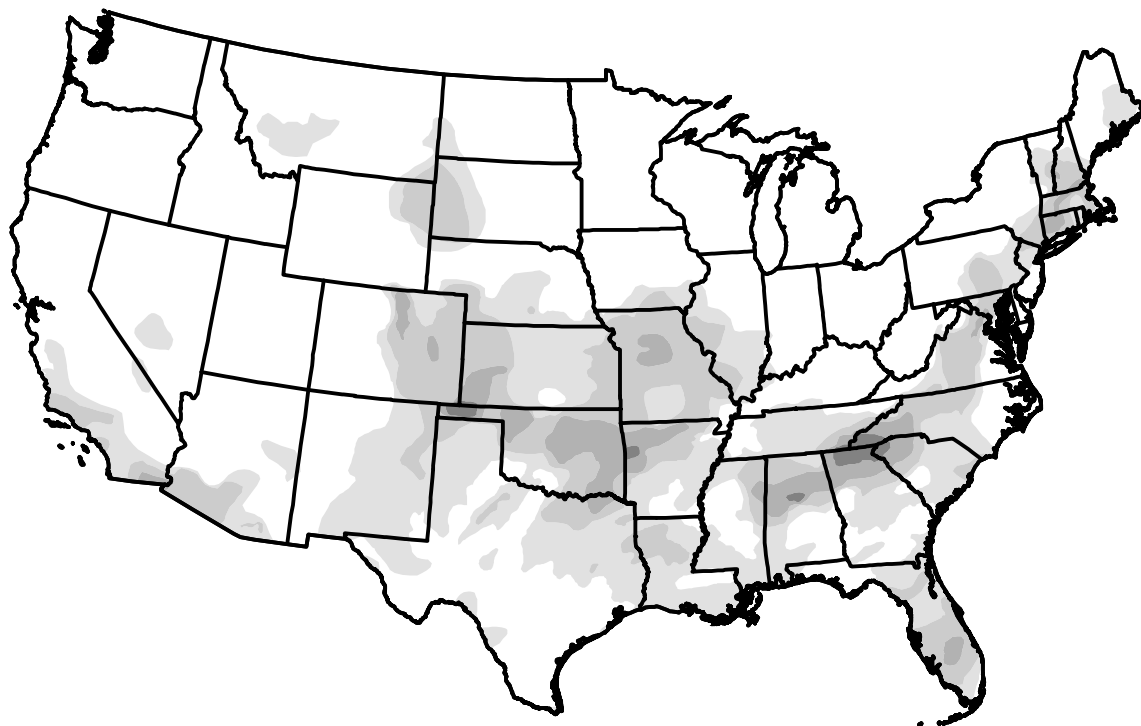


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**March 21, 2017**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 63.78 | 20.24 | 12.23 | 3.31 | 0.43 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-14-2017</i>              | 68.14 | 16.64 | 11.26 | 3.47 | 0.49 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-20-2016</i>           | 45.19 | 26.64 | 17.57 | 6.02 | 2.69 | 1.89 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 53.89 | 23.57 | 13.90 | 5.48 | 2.18 | 0.96 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 53.60 | 27.44 | 10.86 | 4.90 | 2.04 | 1.16 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-22-2016</i>           | 65.24 | 20.46 | 8.22  | 2.31 | 1.89 | 1.87 |

### 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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