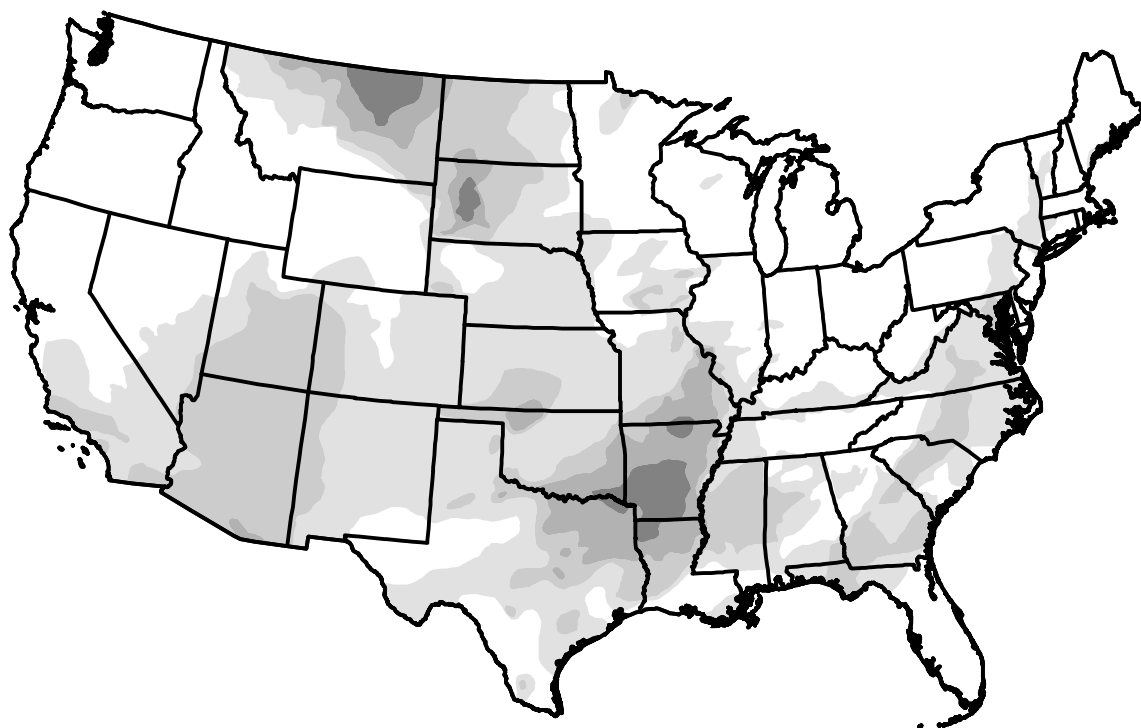


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 12, 2017**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 45.08 | 54.91 | 23.85 | 6.49  | 1.78  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-05-2017</i>              | 52.37 | 47.62 | 24.30 | 5.99  | 1.23  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-12-2017</i>           | 66.25 | 33.74 | 16.08 | 6.24  | 3.13  | 1.28 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 53.89 | 46.10 | 22.53 | 8.63  | 3.15  | 0.96 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 63.07 | 36.93 | 13.81 | 4.99  | 2.36  | 0.87 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-13-2016</i>           | 45.78 | 54.21 | 29.82 | 12.89 | 5.02  | 1.99 |

### 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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