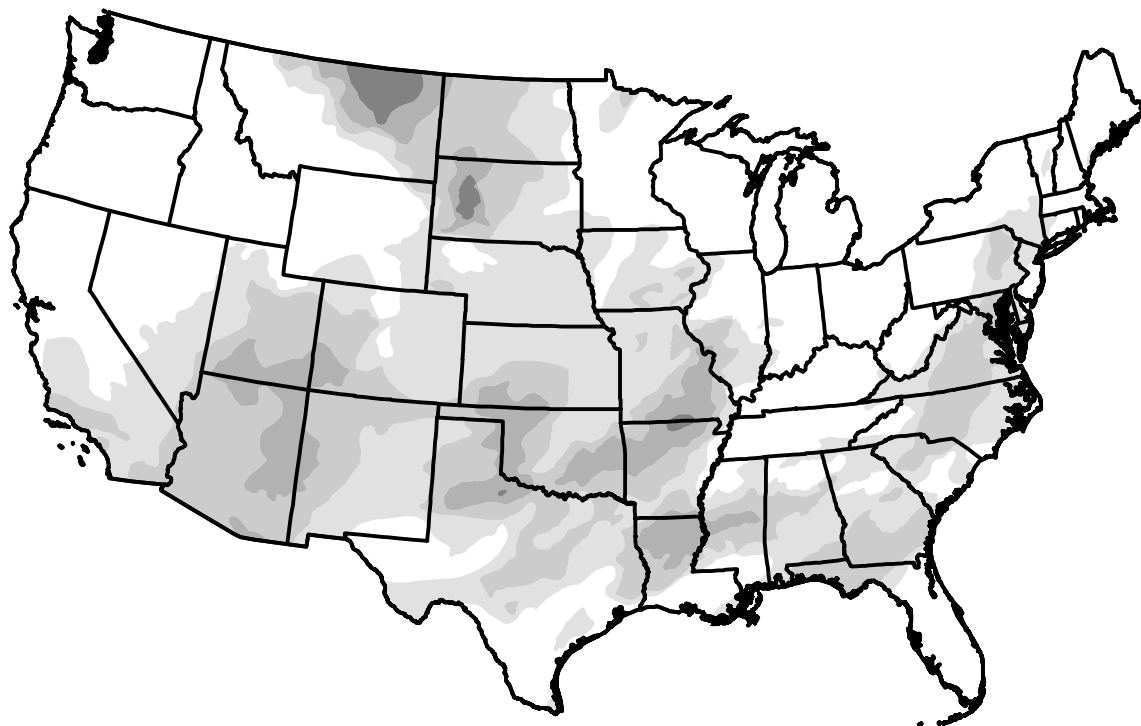


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**January 2, 2018**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 44.46 | 27.83 | 20.24 | 6.63 | 0.83 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-26-2017</i>              | 45.30 | 28.32 | 21.42 | 4.12 | 0.83 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-03-2017</i>           | 61.15 | 24.48 | 9.63  | 3.34 | 0.89 | 0.50 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2018</i> | 44.46 | 27.83 | 20.24 | 6.63 | 0.83 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 63.07 | 23.11 | 8.83  | 2.63 | 1.49 | 0.87 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i>           | 53.89 | 23.57 | 13.90 | 5.48 | 2.18 | 0.96 |

### 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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