The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

Intensity:
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:
- S = Short-Term, typically <6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically >6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

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http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/
**U.S. Corn Areas Experiencing Drought**

*Reflects September 11, 2012 U.S. Drought Monitor data*

Approximately 84% of the corn grown in the U.S. is within an area experiencing drought, based on historical NASS crop production data.

- Major areas combined account for 75% of the total national production annually.
- Major and minor areas combined account for 99% of the total national production annually.

Major and minor agricultural areas are derived from NASS county-level crop production data from 2006 to 2010. Additional information on these agricultural data can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/).

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Approximate Percentage of Corn Located in Drought *
September 11, 2012

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U.S. Soybean Areas Experiencing Drought

Reflects September 11, 2012
U.S. Drought Monitor data

Approximately 81% of the soybeans grown in the U.S. is within an area experiencing drought, based on historical NASS crop production data.

- Major areas combined account for 75% of the total national production annually.
- Major and minor areas combined account for 99% of the total national production annually.

Major and minor agricultural areas are derived from NASS county-level crop production data from 2006 to 2010. Additional information on these agricultural data can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/.

Mapped drought areas are derived from the U.S. Drought Monitor product and do not depict the intensity of drought in any particular location. More information on the Drought Monitor can be found at: http://www.drought.unl.edu/dmmonitor.html.

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Approximate Percentage of Soybeans Located in Drought *
September 11, 2012

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State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 5-year averages from 2006–2010. More information on NASS data can be found at http://www.nass.usda.gov/.

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**U.S. Hay Areas Experiencing Drought**

Reflects September 11, 2012
U.S. Drought Monitor data

Approximately 66% of the domestic hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought, based on NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data.

Major and minor agricultural areas are based on NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data. Counties shaded in gray contain data that are not published by NASS, and hence were not used in delineating the major and minor agricultural areas. Additional information on these agricultural data can be found at: [http://www.agecensus.usda.gov/](http://www.agecensus.usda.gov/).

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- Major areas combined account for 75% of the total national acreage.
- Major and minor areas combined account for 99% of the total national acreage.

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Approximate Percentage of Hay Located in Drought *
September 11, 2012

- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 2007 Census of Agriculture data. More information on NASS data can be found at http://www.nass.usda.gov/.
**U.S. Cattle Areas Experiencing Drought**

Reflects September 11, 2012

U.S. Drought Monitor data

Approximately 74% of the domestic cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought, based on NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data.

Major and minor agricultural areas are based on NASS 2007 Census of Agriculture data. Counties shaded in gray contain data that are not published by NASS, and hence were not used in delineating the major and minor agricultural areas. Additional information on these agricultural data can be found at: [http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/).

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- Major areas combined account for 75% of the total national inventory.
- Major and minor areas combined account for 99% of the total national inventory.

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Approximate Percentage of Cattle Located in Drought *
September 11, 2012

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Percentages in parentheses reflect state contributions to the total national inventory. More information on NASS data can be found at http://www.nass.usda.gov/.
United States Cattle Areas Located in Drought

Percent

Date

Jun 5 2012
Jun 12 2012
Jun 19 2012
Jun 26 2012
Jul 3 2012
Jul 10 2012
Jul 17 2012
Jul 24 2012
Jul 31 2012
Aug 7 2012
Aug 14 2012
Aug 21 2012
Aug 28 2012
Sep 4 2012
Sep 11 2012

Moderate or more intense drought (D1+)
Severe or more intense drought (D2+)
Extreme or more intense drought (D3+)
Exceptional drought (D4)
U.S. Winter Wheat Areas Experiencing Drought

Reflects September 11, 2012
U.S. Drought Monitor data

Approximately 74% of the winter wheat grown in the U.S. is within an area experiencing drought, based on historical NASS crop production data.

- Major areas combined account for 75% of the total national production annually.
- Major and minor areas combined account for 99% of the total national production annually.

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Approximate Percentage of Winter Wheat Located in Drought *
September 11, 2012

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State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are based upon National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) 5-year averages from 2006-2010. More information on NASS data can be found at http://www.nass.usda.gov/.

- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
- Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)