U.S. Drought Monitor

December 15, 2020
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Drought Impact Types:

〜 Delineates dominant impacts
S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g., agriculture, grasslands)
L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g., hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

None
D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Moderate Drought
D2 Severe Drought
D3 Extreme Drought
D4 Exceptional Drought

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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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Barley Areas in Drought

Reflects December 15, 2020
U.S. Drought Monitor data

Approximately 44% of barley production is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Barley Located in Drought
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Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product. State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are derived from NASS 2017 Census of Agriculture data.
Percent of United States Barley Located in Drought

Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.
Approximately 37% of corn production is within an area experiencing drought.

Major and minor agricultural areas are delineated using NASS 2017 Census of Agriculture data. Drought areas are identified using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.
Percent of Corn Located in Drought
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Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)  Percent in Severe Drought (D2)  Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)  Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Corn Located in Drought

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Cotton Areas in Drought

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Approximately 41% of cotton production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Cotton Located in Drought  
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- Percent in Moderate Drought (D1)
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- Percent in Extreme Drought (D3)
- Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)

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Percent of United States Cotton Located in Drought

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Approximately 10% of peanut production is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Peanuts Located in Drought
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Rice Areas in Drought

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Approximately 20% of rice production is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Rice Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Rice Located in Drought

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Approximately 67% of sorghum production is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Sorghum Located in Drought
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 Approximately 31% of soybean production is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Soybeans Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Soybeans Located in Drought

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Sunflower Areas in Drought

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Approximately 62% of sunflower production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sunflowers Located in Drought
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State contributions to national production (percentages in parentheses) are derived from NASS 2017 Census of Agriculture data.
Percent of United States Sunflowers Located in Drought

Drought percentages are approximated using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.
Approximately 83% of durum wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Durum Wheat Located in Drought

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Percent of United States Durum Wheat Located in Drought

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Spring Wheat Areas in Drought

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Approximately 63% of spring wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Spring Wheat Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Spring Wheat Located in Drought

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Approximately 35% of winter wheat production is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Winter Wheat Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Winter Wheat Located in Drought

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Approximately 41% of hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Hay Located in Drought
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Percent in Severe Drought (D2)
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Percent in Exceptional Drought (D4)
Percent of United States Hay Located in Drought

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Approximately 53% of alfalfa hay acreage is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Alfalfa Hay Located in Drought

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Approximately 30% of the hog inventory is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Hogs Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Hogs Located in Drought

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Approximately 51% of the cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Cattle Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Cattle Located in Drought

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Approximately **42%** of the milk cow inventory is within an area experiencing drought.
Percent of Milk Cows Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Milk Cows Located in Drought

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Approximately 61% of the sheep inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

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Percent of Sheep Located in Drought
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Percent of United States Sheep Located in Drought

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