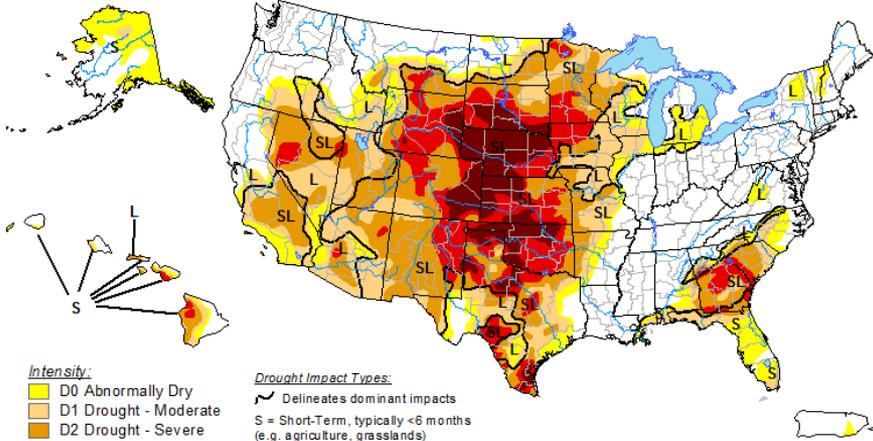


U.S. Drought Monitor

February 12, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EDT



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

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

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



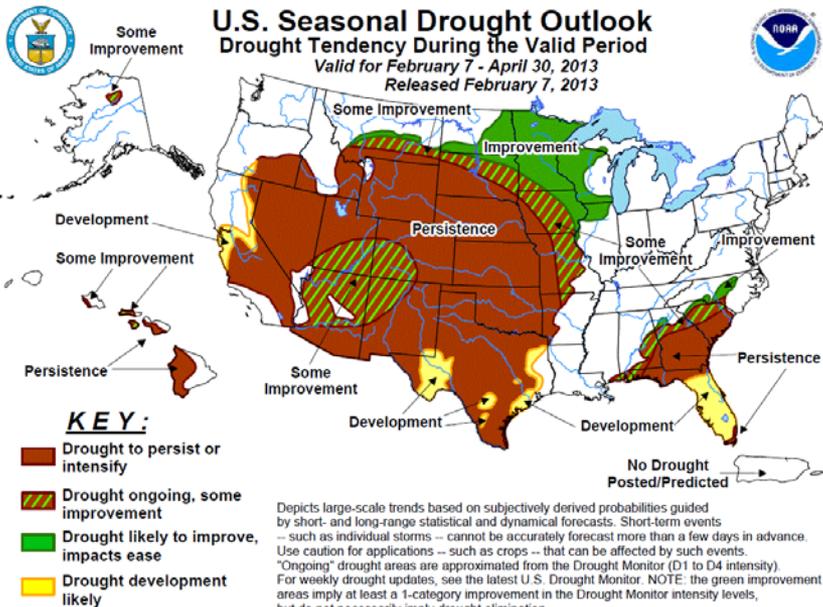
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Current US Drought Monitor (above)

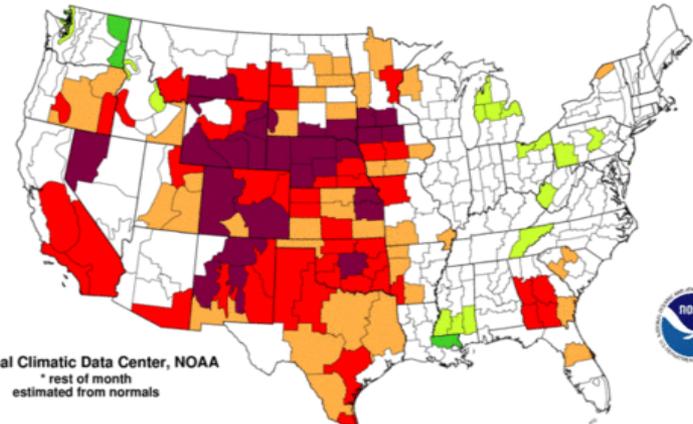
Current US Drought Outlook (below)



Palmer Drought Index

Long-Term (Meteorological) Conditions

February 2013: through February 9, 2013*



National Climatic Data Center, NOAA
 * rest of month estimated from normals



Current Weekly Palmer Drought Index (above)

Areas of US Winter Wheat Production Experiencing Drought (below)

U.S. Winter Wheat Areas Experiencing Drought

Reflects February 12, 2013 U.S. Drought Monitor data

Approximately 59% of the winter wheat grown in the U.S. is within an area experiencing drought, based on historical NASS crop production data.

