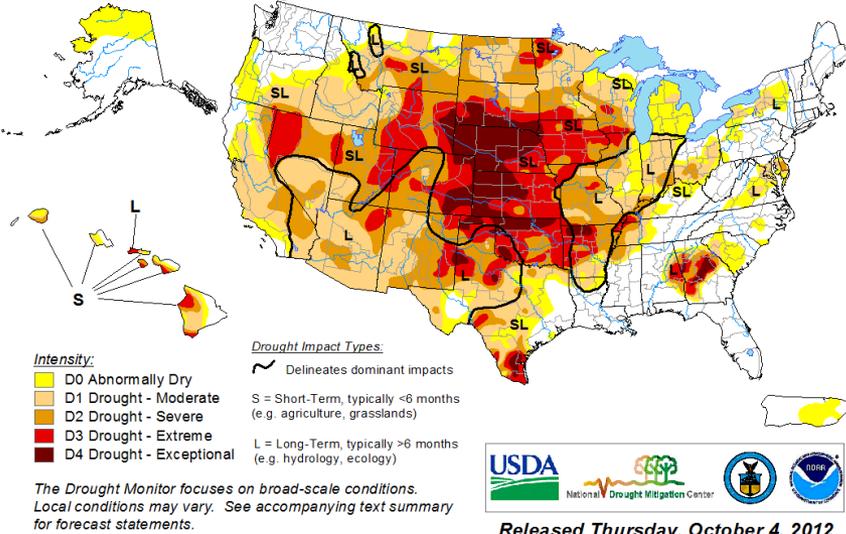


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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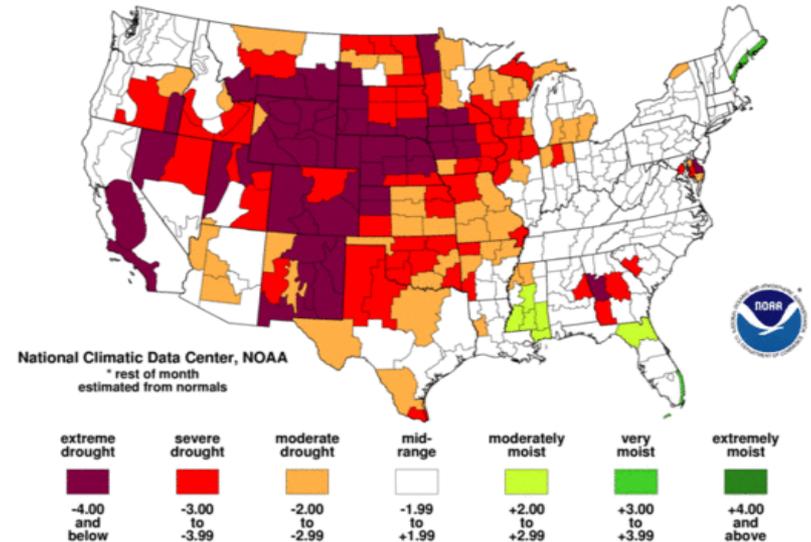


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Current US Drought Monitor (above)

# Palmer Drought Index Long-Term (Meteorological) Conditions

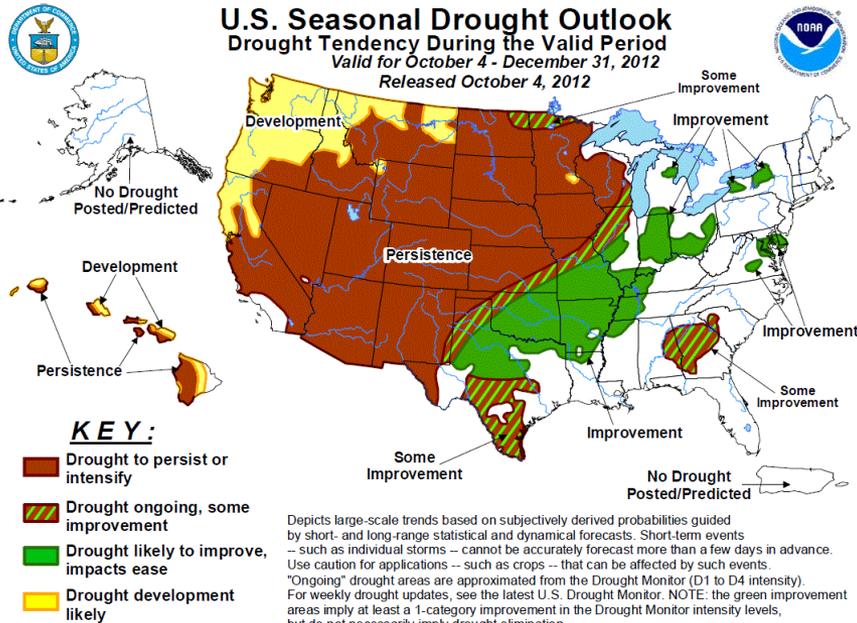
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Current Weekly Palmer Drought Index (above)

# Current US Drought outlook (below)

**U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook**  
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period  
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# Areas of US Winter Wheat Production Experiencing Drought (below)

## U.S. Hay Areas Experiencing Drought

