



# U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

## Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for October 17, 2013 - January 31, 2014

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Persistence

Improvement

Removal

Persistence

Removal

Improvement

Development

Improvement

Development

Persistence

Removal

No Drought  
Posted/Predicted

### KEY:

 Drought persists or intensifies

 Drought remains but improves

 Drought removal likely

 Drought development likely

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[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\\_assessment/season\\_drought.html](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/season_drought.html)

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity).

For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor.

NOTE: The tan area areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period although drought will remain.

The Green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none)