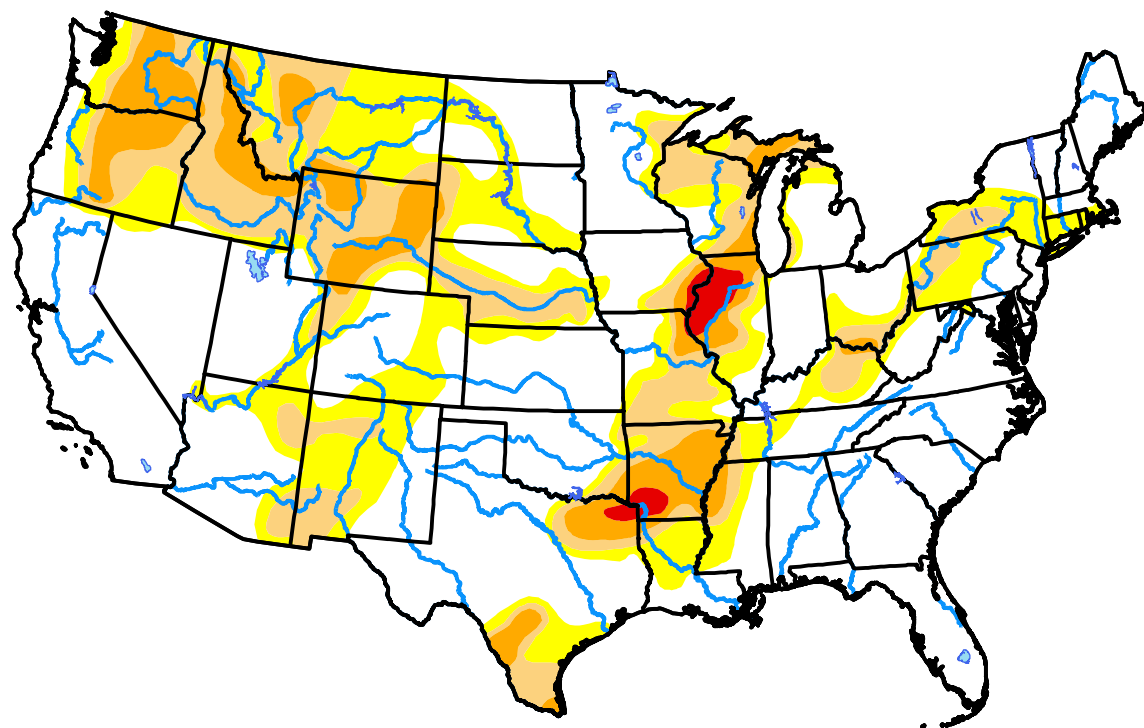


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.95	43.04	23.46	9.05	0.84	0.00
Last Week <i>08-16-2005</i>	53.49	46.50	25.37	9.78	0.99	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2005</i>	55.47	44.53	22.25	10.67	1.89	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	63.02	36.97	25.64	15.39	5.91	0.77
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	56.51	43.48	30.51	21.82	9.69	0.93
One Year Ago <i>08-24-2004</i>	58.35	41.64	31.87	23.05	11.63	1.23

Intensity:

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

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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