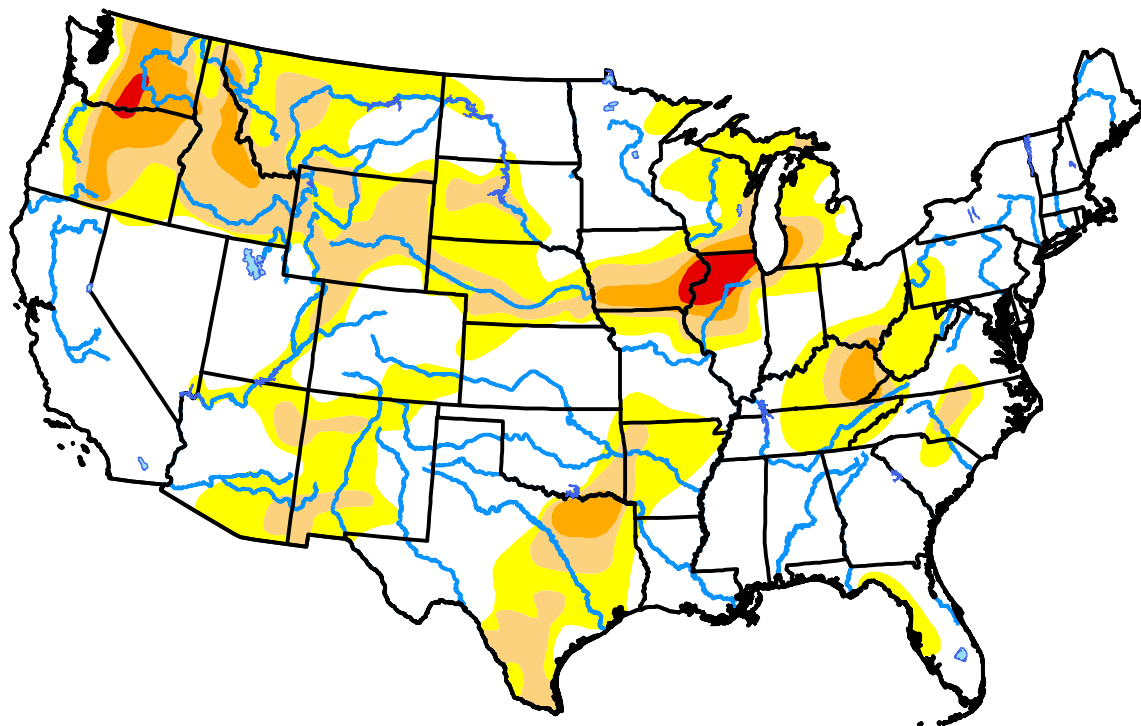


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	57.33	24.11	13.44	4.31	0.80	0.00
Last Week <i>10-11-2005</i>	56.87	24.20	13.37	4.72	0.84	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2005</i>	51.90	19.73	16.50	10.36	1.50	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	63.02	11.34	10.25	9.48	5.14	0.77
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.15	22.12	16.53	6.44	0.75	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2004</i>	57.79	11.45	10.07	11.07	8.65	0.97

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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