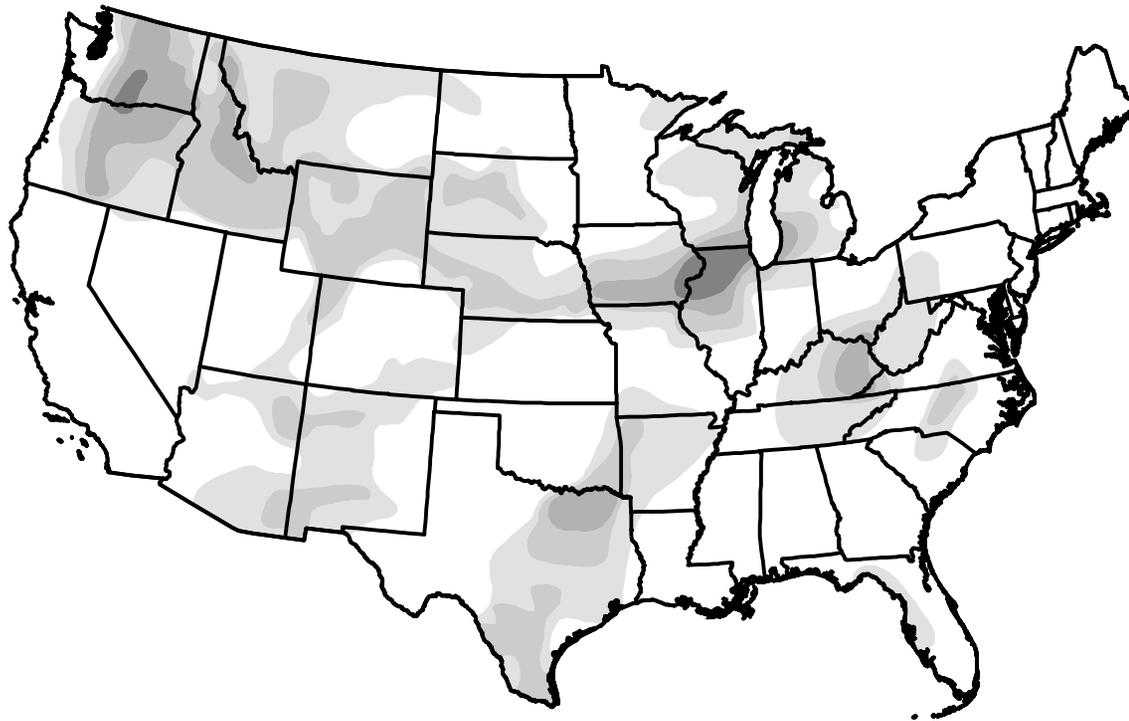


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.33	42.67	18.55	5.11	0.80	0.00
Last Week <i>10-11-2005</i>	56.87	43.13	18.93	5.56	0.84	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2005</i>	51.90	48.09	28.36	11.86	1.50	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>09-27-2005</i>	54.15	45.84	23.72	7.19	0.75	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2004</i>	57.79	42.21	30.75	20.68	9.62	0.97

Intensity:



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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