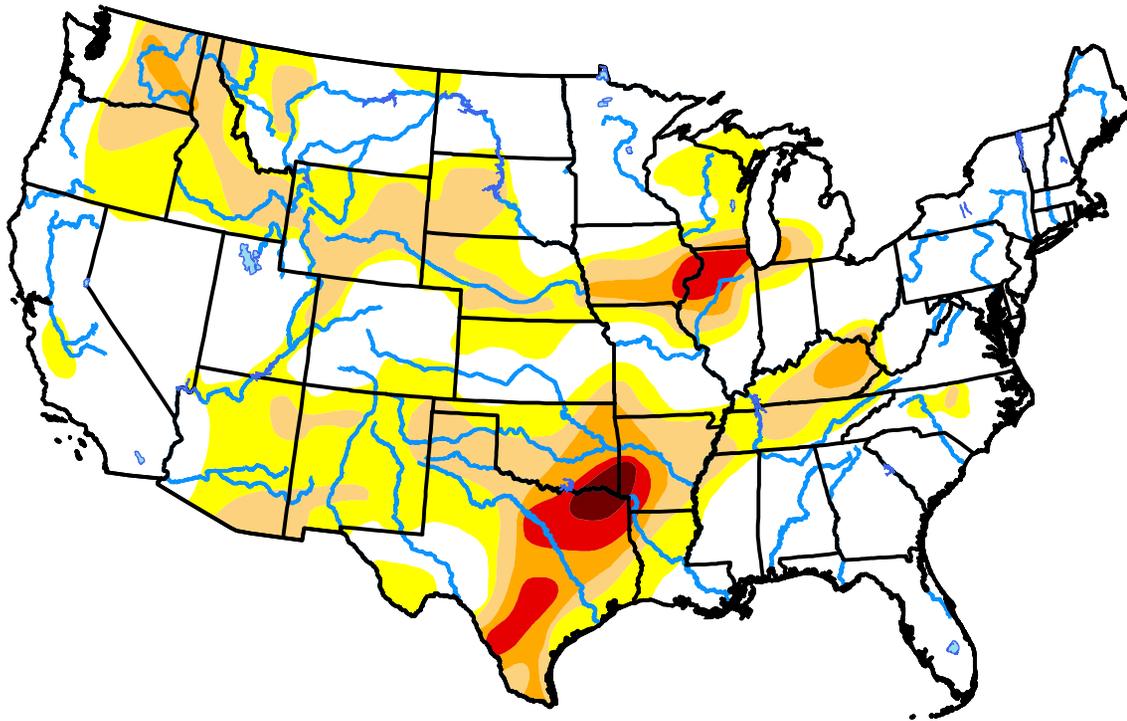


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 20, 2005**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	53.88	23.33	15.39	4.59	2.27	0.54
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-13-2005</i>	53.39	24.01	15.87	5.06	1.66	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-20-2005</i>	51.92	22.03	16.99	8.05	0.99	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2005</i>	63.02	11.34	10.25	9.48	5.14	0.77
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.15	22.12	16.53	6.44	0.75	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-21-2004</i>	62.66	10.21	10.54	10.19	5.47	0.92

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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