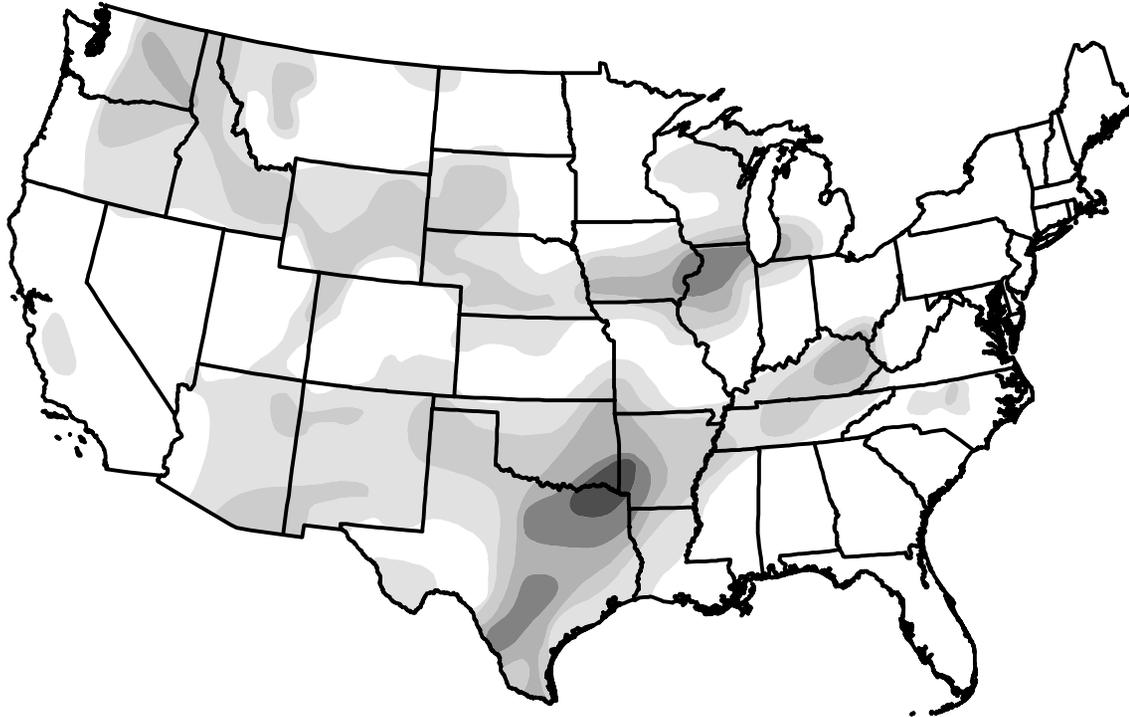


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U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.87	40.12	19.05	6.18	2.34	0.45
Last Week <i>12-13-2005</i>	59.53	40.46	18.88	5.62	1.39	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2005</i>	57.28	42.71	21.75	7.56	0.83	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	69.08	30.91	21.42	12.86	4.94	0.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	59.56	40.43	19.82	6.01	0.62	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	65.78	34.21	22.66	13.85	5.34	0.77

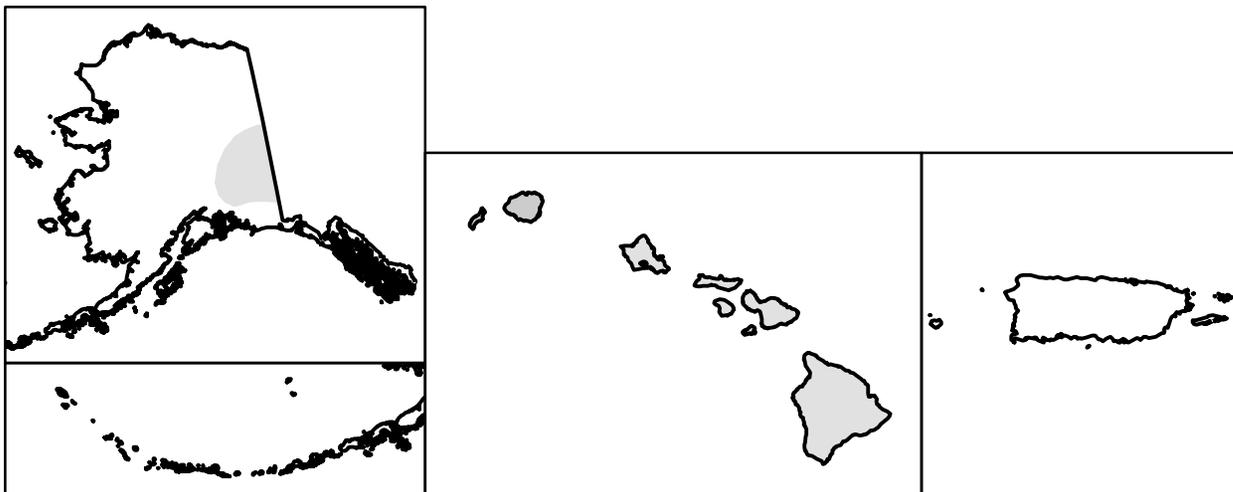
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