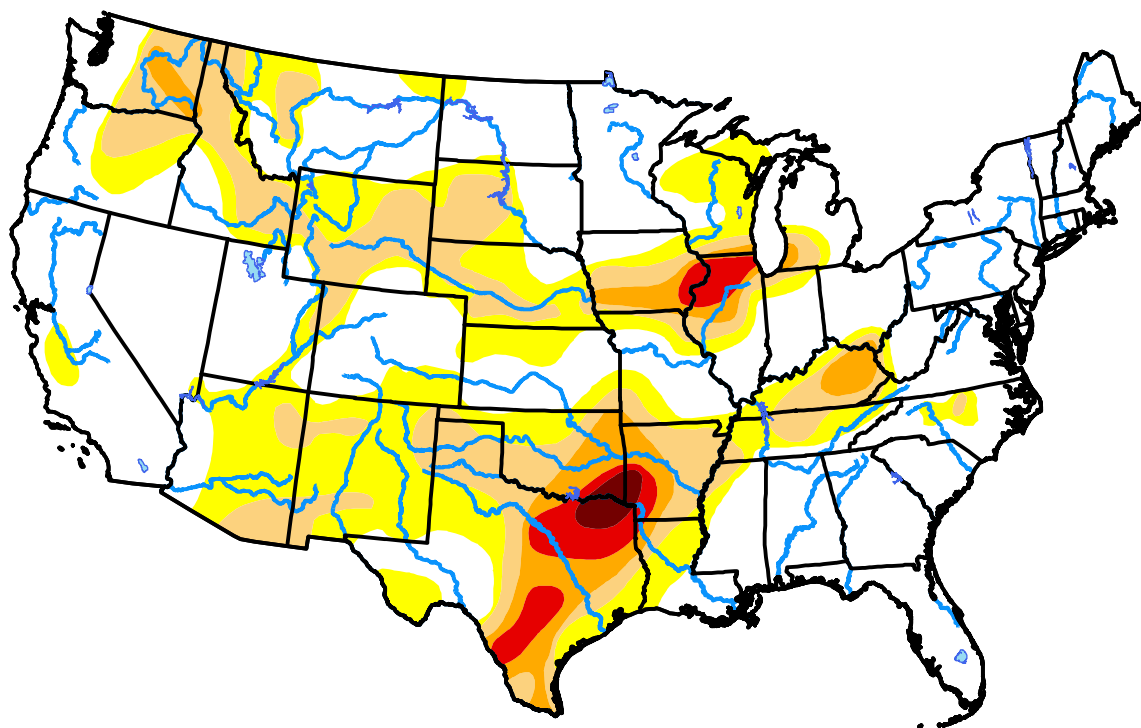


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.65	44.34	22.60	7.35	2.80	0.54
Last Week <i>12-20-2005</i>	53.88	46.11	22.78	7.40	2.80	0.54
3 Months Ago <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.15	45.84	23.72	7.19	0.75	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>12-28-2004</i>	61.23	38.76	27.10	16.51	6.53	0.92

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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