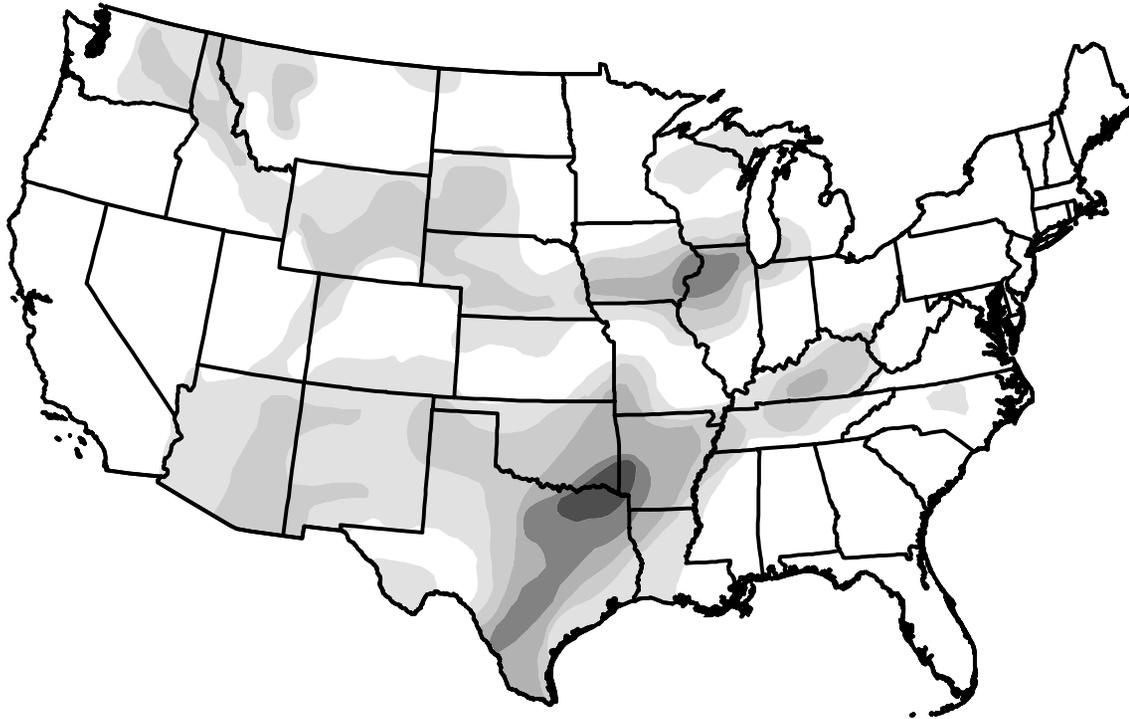


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.05	42.95	21.29	7.49	2.95	0.61
Last Week <i>12-27-2005</i>	55.65	44.34	22.60	7.35	2.80	0.54
3 Months Ago <i>10-04-2005</i>	52.08	47.92	25.04	6.83	0.82	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.05	42.95	21.29	7.49	2.95	0.61
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>01-04-2005</i>	63.02	36.97	25.64	15.39	5.91	0.77

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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