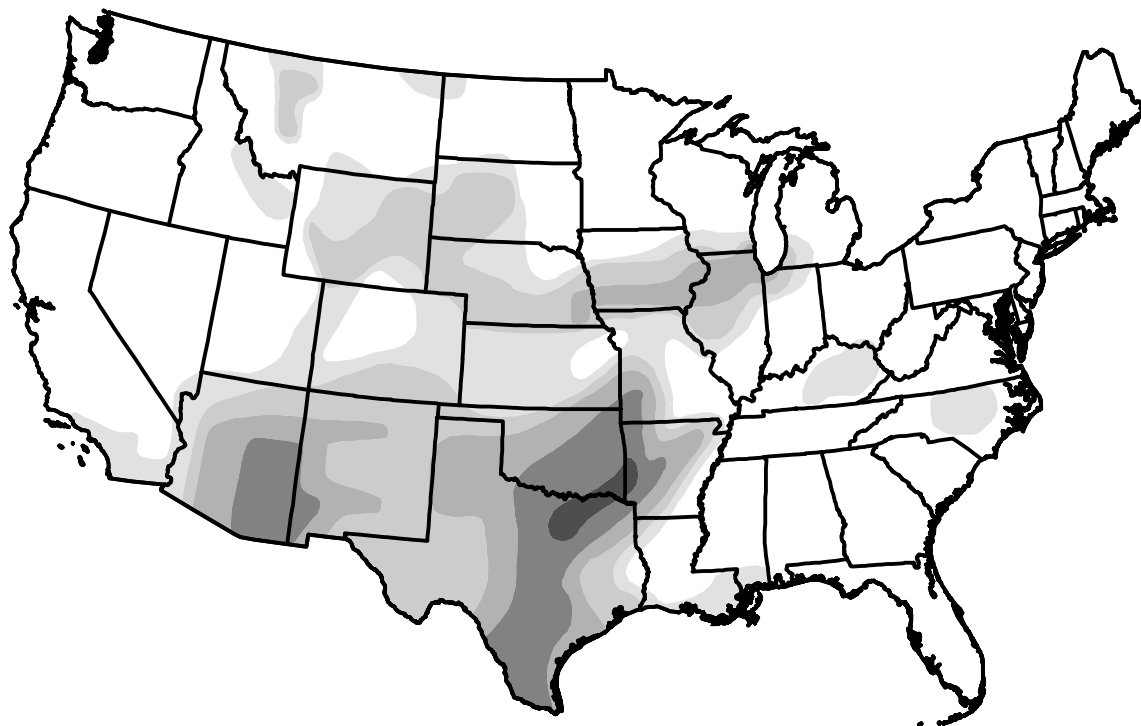


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	58.24	13.58	13.91	7.90	5.80	0.57
Last Week <i>02-07-2006</i>	57.81	13.68	14.66	7.74	5.49	0.61
3 Months Ago <i>11-15-2005</i>	48.48	28.19	17.45	4.92	0.96	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.05	21.66	13.81	4.53	2.34	0.61
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.15	22.12	16.53	6.44	0.75	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-15-2005</i>	60.79	11.96	13.04	8.42	4.73	1.04

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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