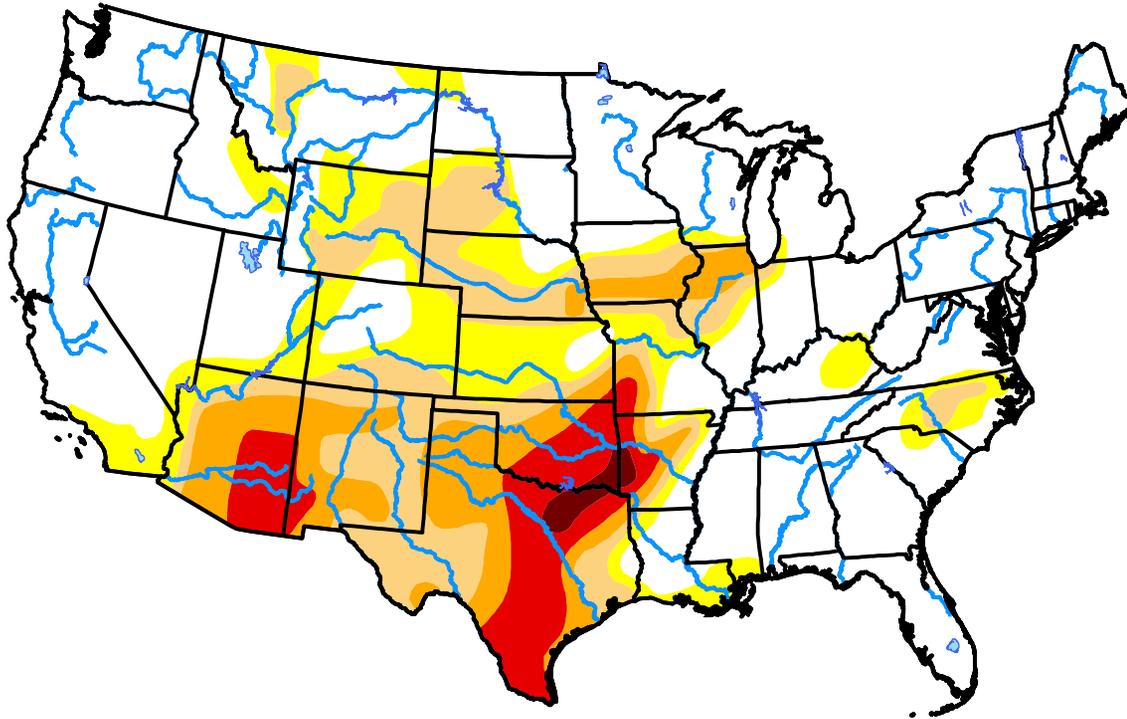


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**February 21, 2006**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	58.03	41.96	28.58	15.26	6.59	0.64
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-14-2006</i>	58.24	41.75	28.18	14.27	6.37	0.57
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-22-2005</i>	50.14	49.85	22.41	6.69	0.96	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.05	42.95	21.29	7.49	2.95	0.61
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.15	45.84	23.72	7.19	0.75	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-22-2005</i>	60.34	39.65	27.17	15.40	5.84	1.04

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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