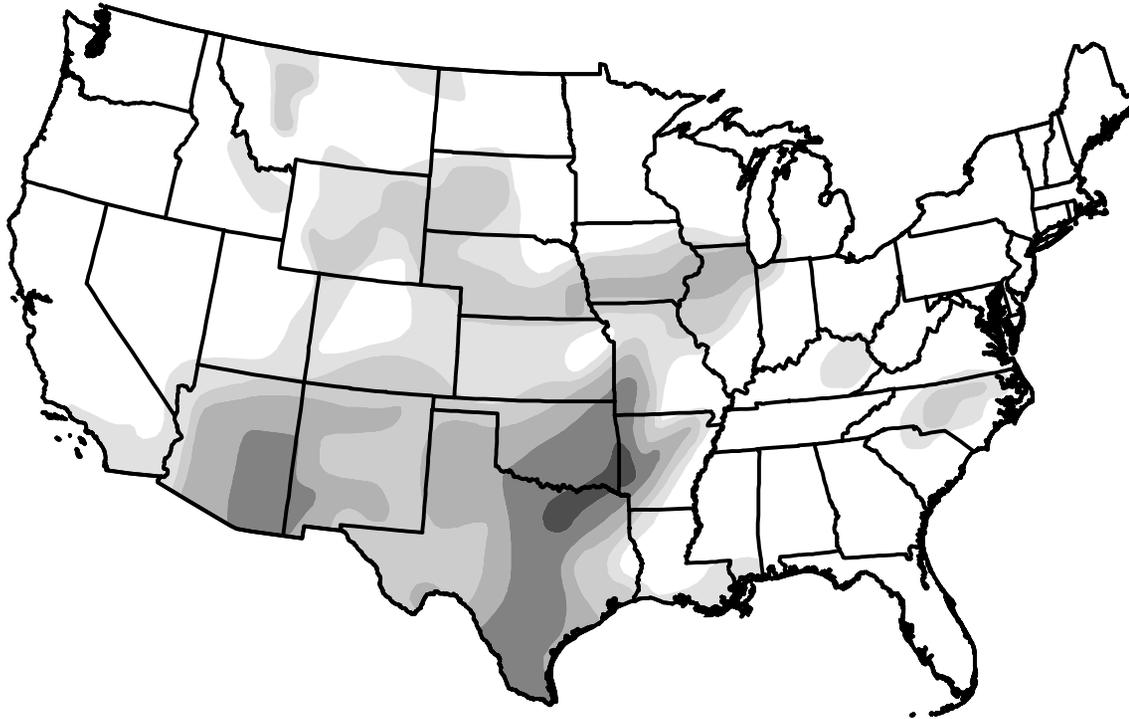


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.03	41.96	28.58	15.26	6.59	0.64
Last Week <i>02-14-2006</i>	58.24	41.75	28.18	14.27	6.37	0.57
3 Months Ago <i>11-22-2005</i>	50.14	49.85	22.41	6.69	0.96	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>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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