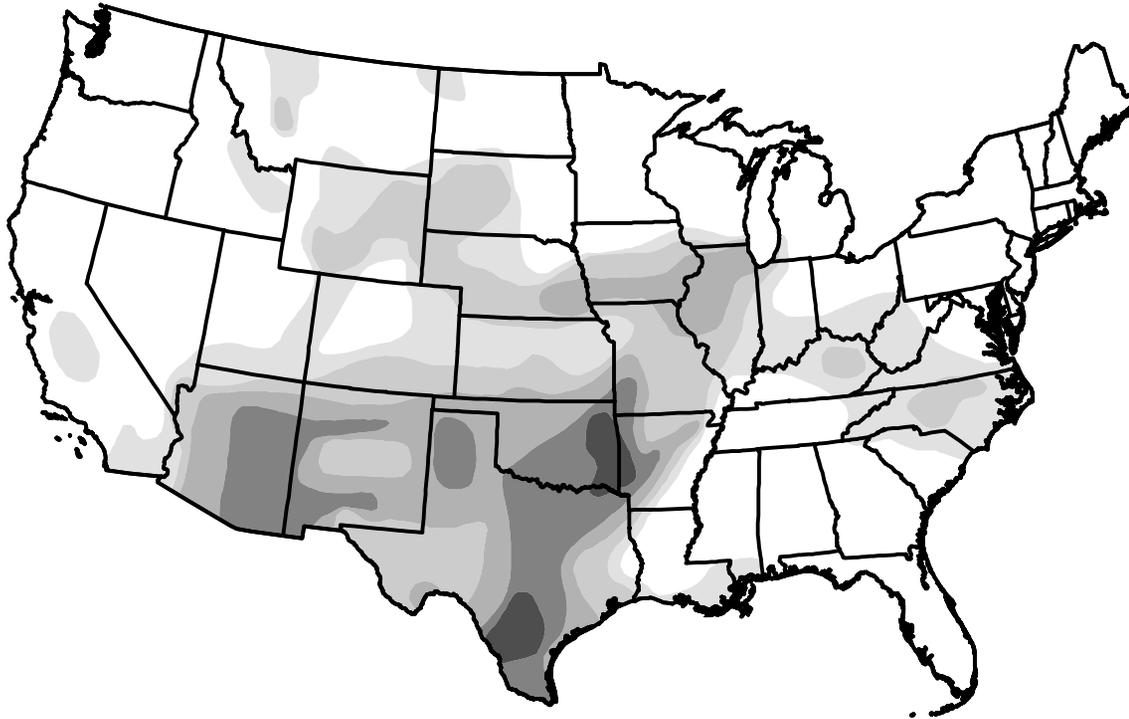


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	52.29	47.70	31.55	18.03	8.31	1.22
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-28-2006</i>	54.31	45.68	30.11	16.42	7.15	1.22
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-06-2005</i>	54.73	45.26	22.09	6.06	1.39	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>03-08-2005</i>	59.94	40.06	26.76	16.79	5.56	1.33

*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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