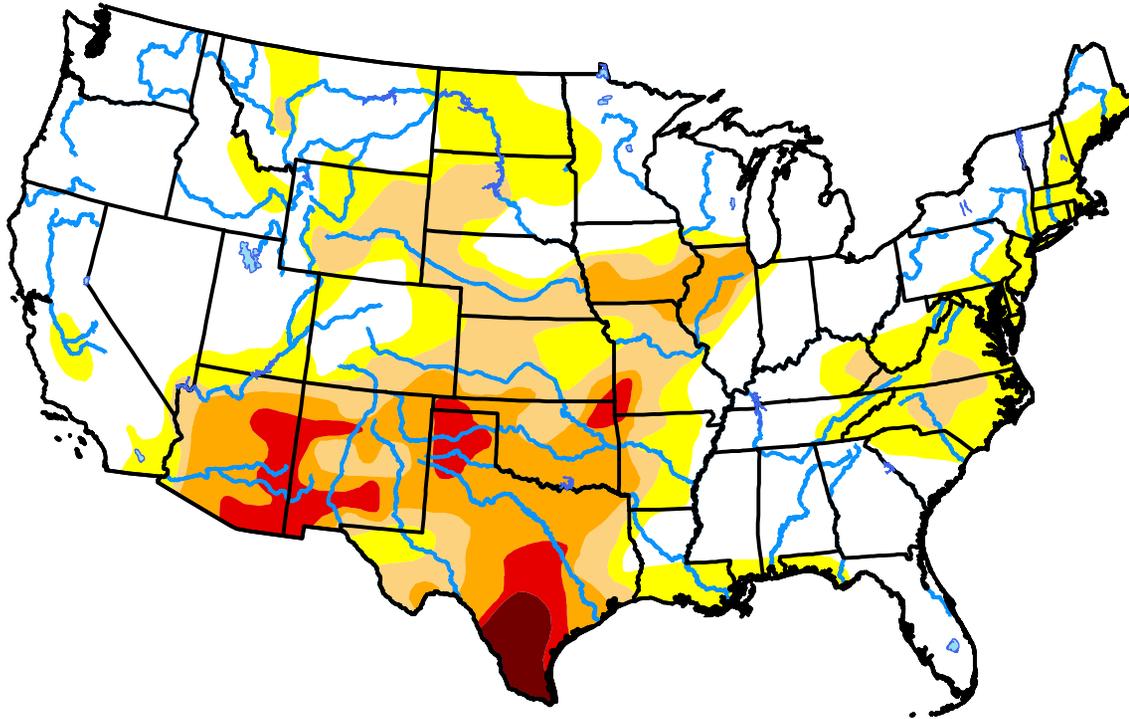


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	49.04	21.02	13.40	11.49	3.92	1.12
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-14-2006</i>	54.04	14.65	13.10	10.12	6.71	1.36
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-20-2005</i>	53.88	23.33	15.39	4.59	2.27	0.54
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.05	21.66	13.81	4.53	2.34	0.61
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.15	22.12	16.53	6.44	0.75	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-22-2005</i>	60.11	13.07	9.24	10.88	5.12	1.57

**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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