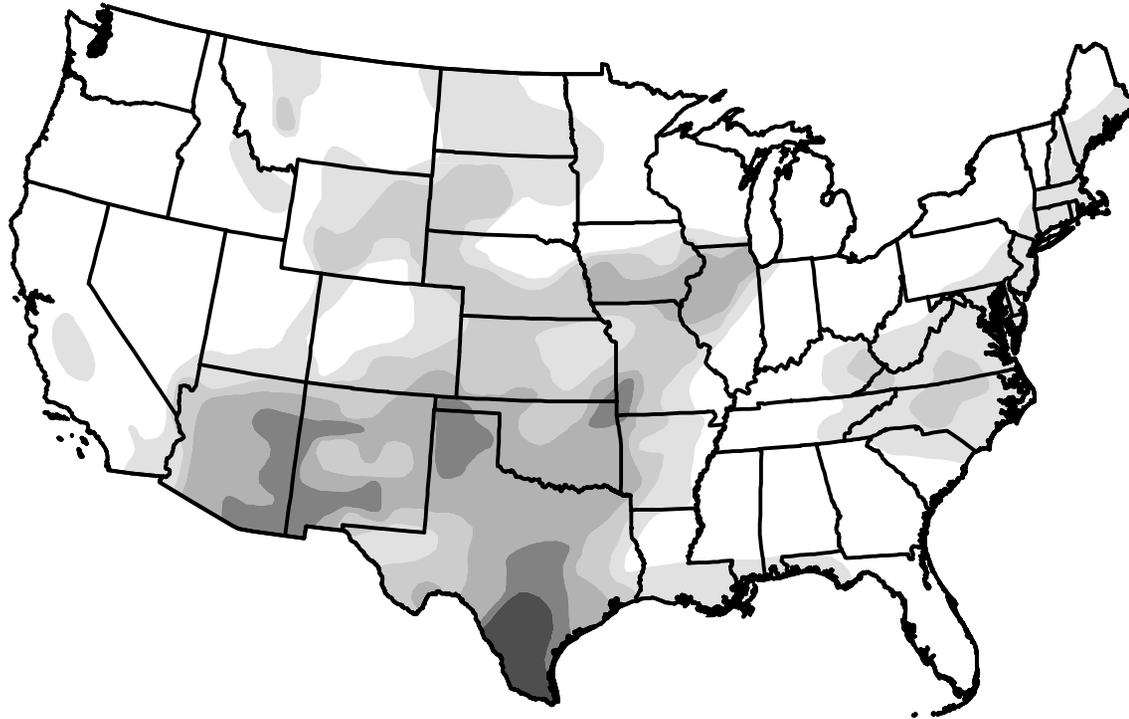


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

March 21, 2006
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	49.04	50.95	29.93	16.53	5.04	1.12
Last Week <i>03-14-2006</i>	54.04	45.95	31.29	18.19	8.07	1.36
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2005</i>	53.88	46.11	22.78	7.40	2.80	0.54
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>03-22-2005</i>	60.11	39.88	26.81	17.57	6.69	1.57

Intensity:



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