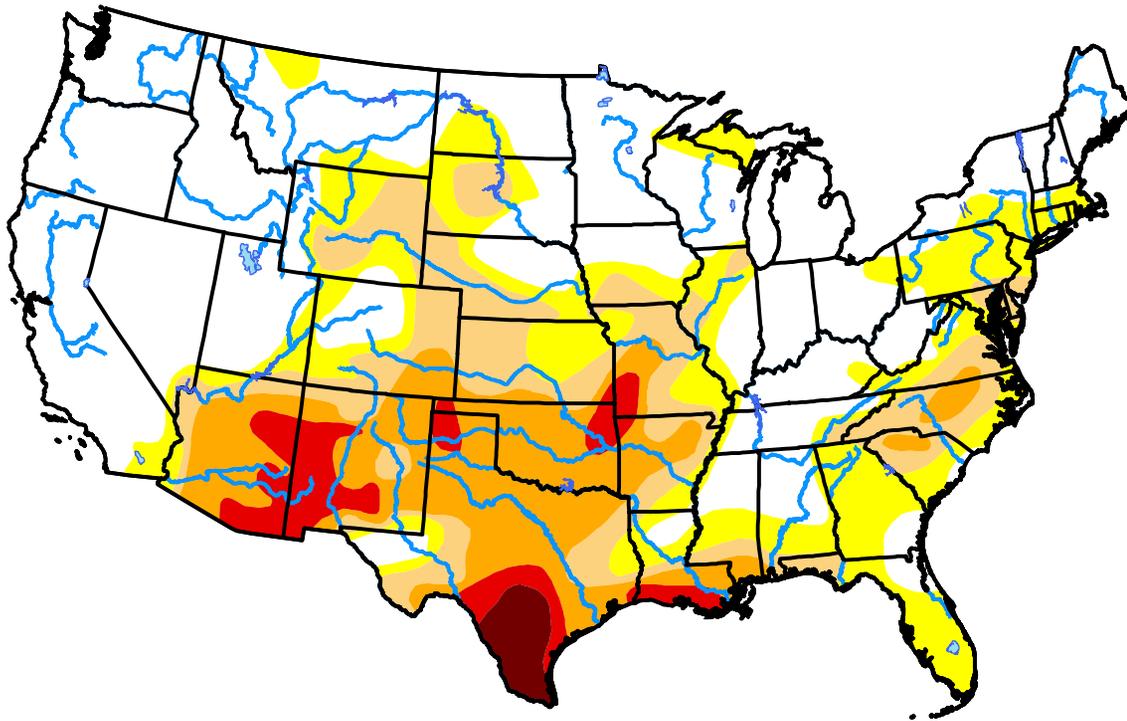


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	47.56	19.65	14.08	13.15	4.28	1.27
Last Week <i>04-11-2006</i>	49.43	18.96	15.05	12.58	2.84	1.12
3 Months Ago <i>01-17-2006</i>	54.33	20.17	16.94	4.81	2.98	0.76
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.05	21.66	13.81	4.53	2.34	0.61
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	54.15	22.12	16.53	6.44	0.75	0.00
One Year Ago <i>04-19-2005</i>	64.27	13.56	8.17	8.22	4.24	1.53

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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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