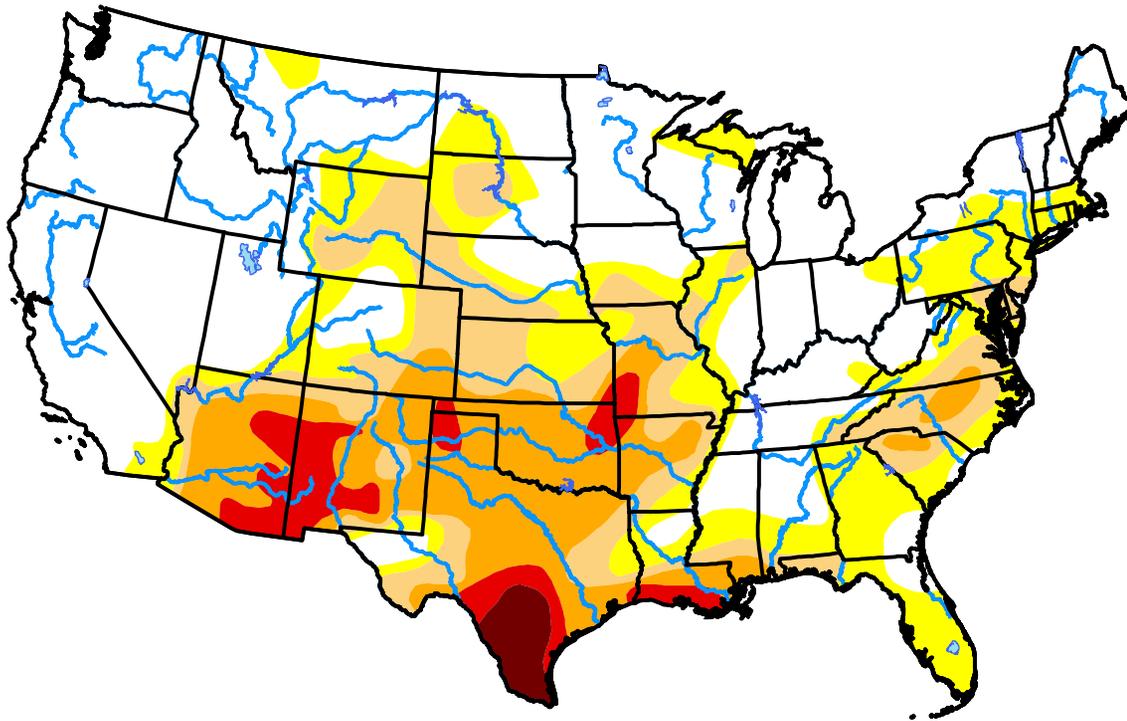


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.56	52.43	32.78	18.70	5.55	1.27
Last Week <i>04-11-2006</i>	49.43	50.56	31.60	16.55	3.96	1.12
3 Months Ago <i>01-17-2006</i>	54.33	45.67	25.49	8.55	3.74	0.76
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>04-19-2005</i>	64.27	35.72	22.16	13.99	5.77	1.53

Intensity:



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