

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

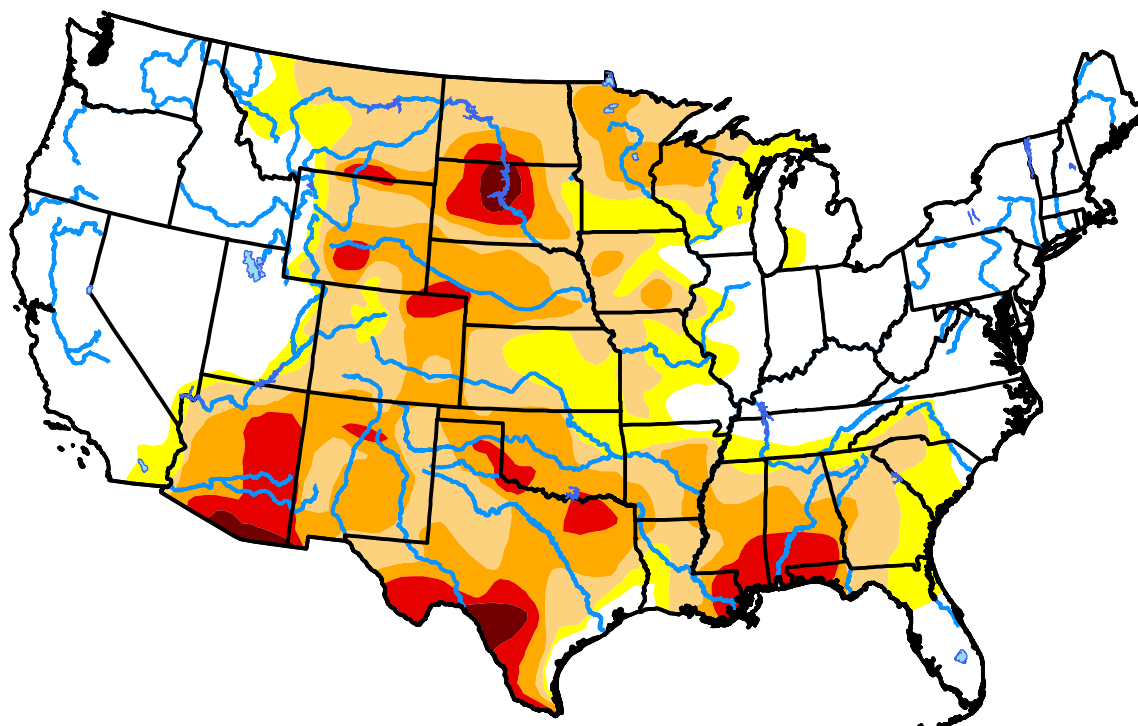
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 39.60 | 60.40 | 48.47 | 25.90 | 7.34  | 1.01 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>07-11-2006</i>              | 41.64 | 58.35 | 40.55 | 17.44 | 5.33  | 0.62 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>04-18-2006</i>           | 47.56 | 52.43 | 32.78 | 18.70 | 5.55  | 1.27 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.05 | 42.95 | 21.29 | 7.49  | 2.95  | 0.61 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2005</i>    | 54.15 | 45.84 | 23.72 | 7.19  | 0.75  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>07-19-2005</i>           | 51.90 | 48.09 | 28.36 | 11.86 | 1.50  | 0.00 |



### Intensity:

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