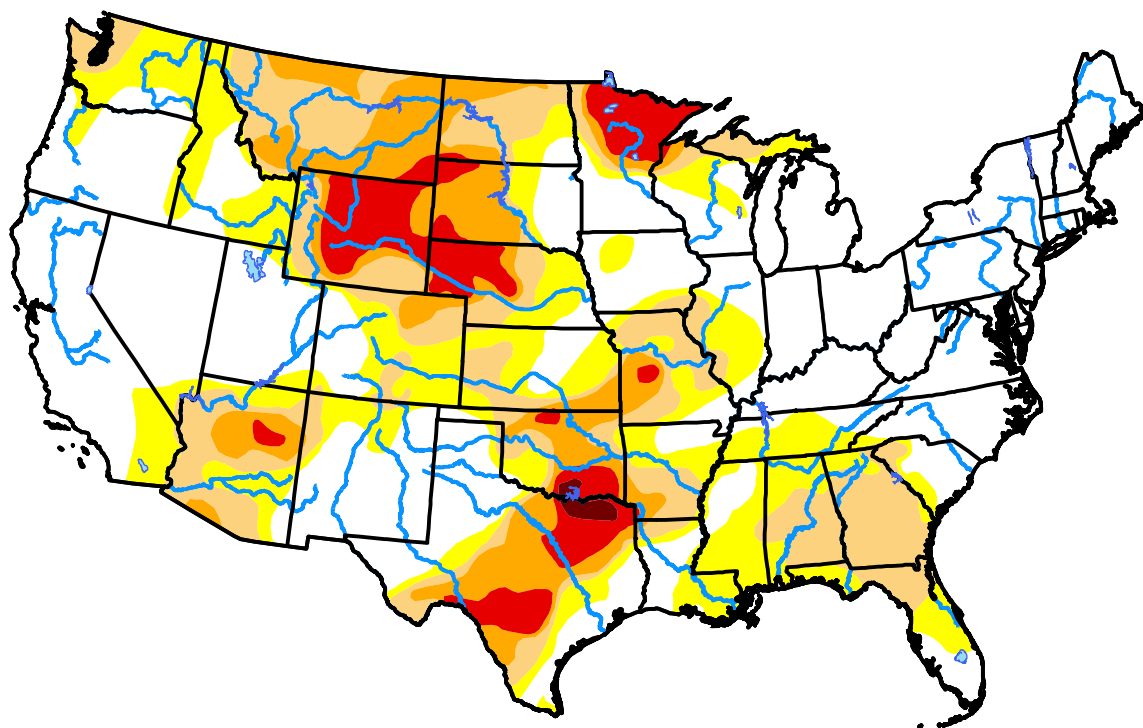


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.86	53.13	33.06	16.35	6.33	0.28
Last Week <i>10-10-2006</i>	45.35	54.64	35.10	16.81	6.67	0.24
3 Months Ago <i>07-18-2006</i>	39.60	60.40	48.47	25.90	7.34	1.01
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>09-26-2006</i>	45.12	54.87	32.93	16.30	6.61	0.14
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2005</i>	57.33	42.67	18.55	5.11	0.80	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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