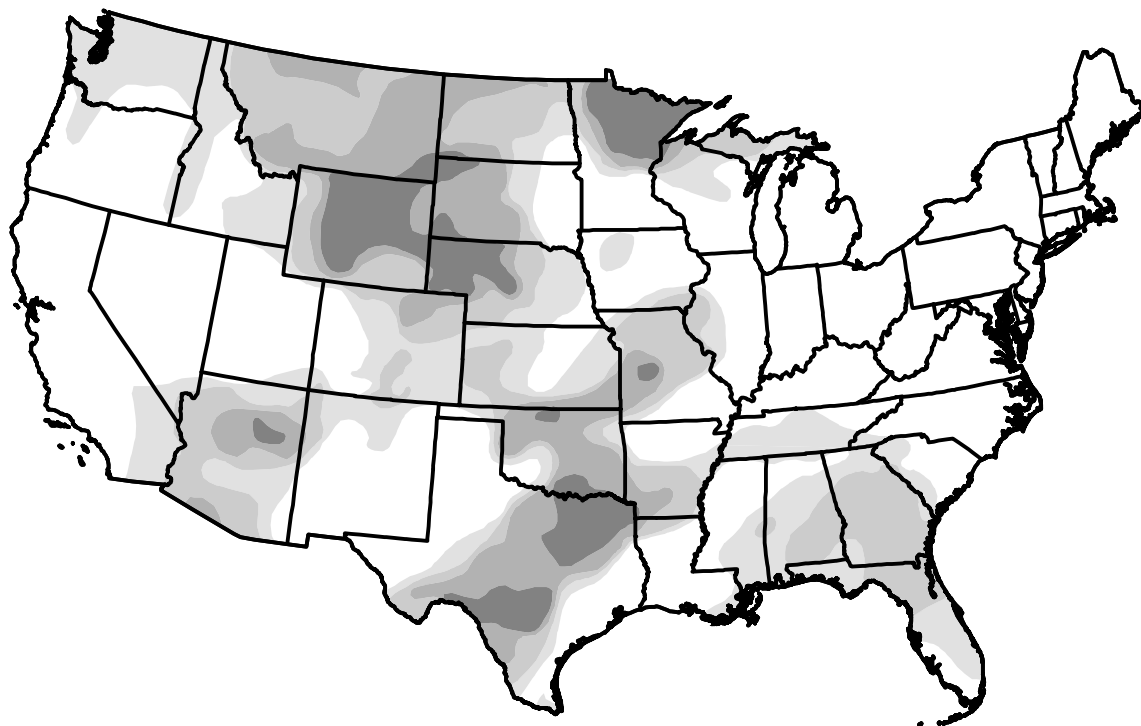


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	49.85	50.14	31.56	16.59	6.11	0.00
Last Week <i>10-17-2006</i>	46.86	53.13	33.06	16.35	6.33	0.28
3 Months Ago <i>07-25-2006</i>	38.49	61.50	49.95	29.12	11.33	1.25
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>10-25-2005</i>	53.45	46.54	20.22	5.30	1.00	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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