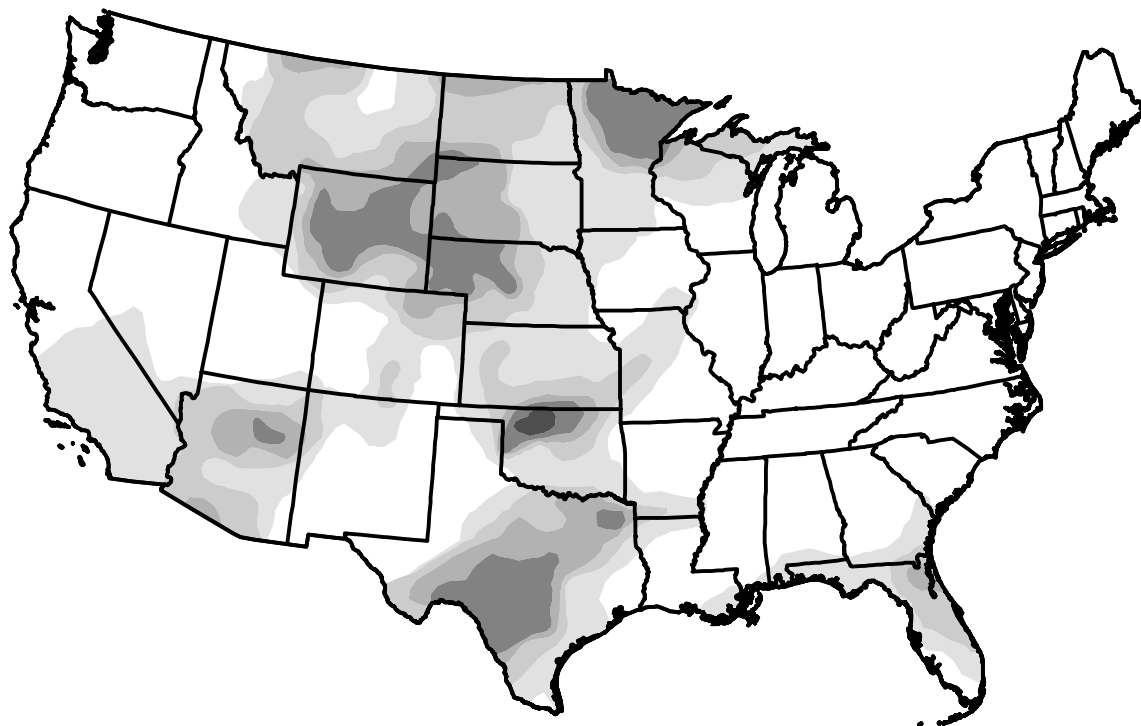


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 5, 2006**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 53.72 | 21.15 | 12.00 | 6.99  | 5.97 | 0.17 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-28-2006</i>              | 57.24 | 16.62 | 12.17 | 6.54  | 7.16 | 0.26 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-05-2006</i>           | 39.05 | 19.67 | 18.02 | 13.69 | 8.52 | 1.04 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.05 | 21.66 | 13.81 | 4.53  | 2.34 | 0.61 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>    | 45.12 | 21.94 | 16.63 | 9.69  | 6.46 | 0.14 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-06-2005</i>           | 54.73 | 23.17 | 16.03 | 4.67  | 1.39 | 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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