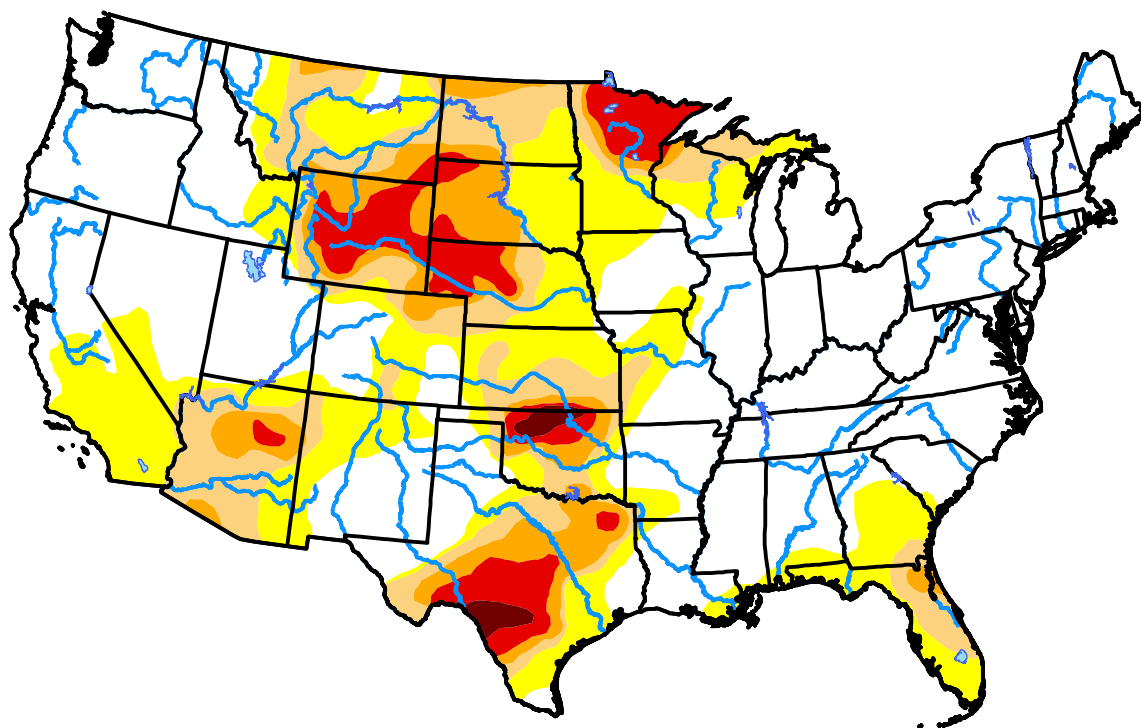


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	52.23	22.11	12.14	7.28	5.62	0.61
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	53.72	21.15	12.00	6.99	5.97	0.17
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	42.32	17.54	18.04	11.81	8.85	1.44
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.05	21.66	13.81	4.53	2.34	0.61
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	45.12	21.94	16.63	9.69	6.46	0.14
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	53.39	24.01	15.87	5.06	1.66	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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