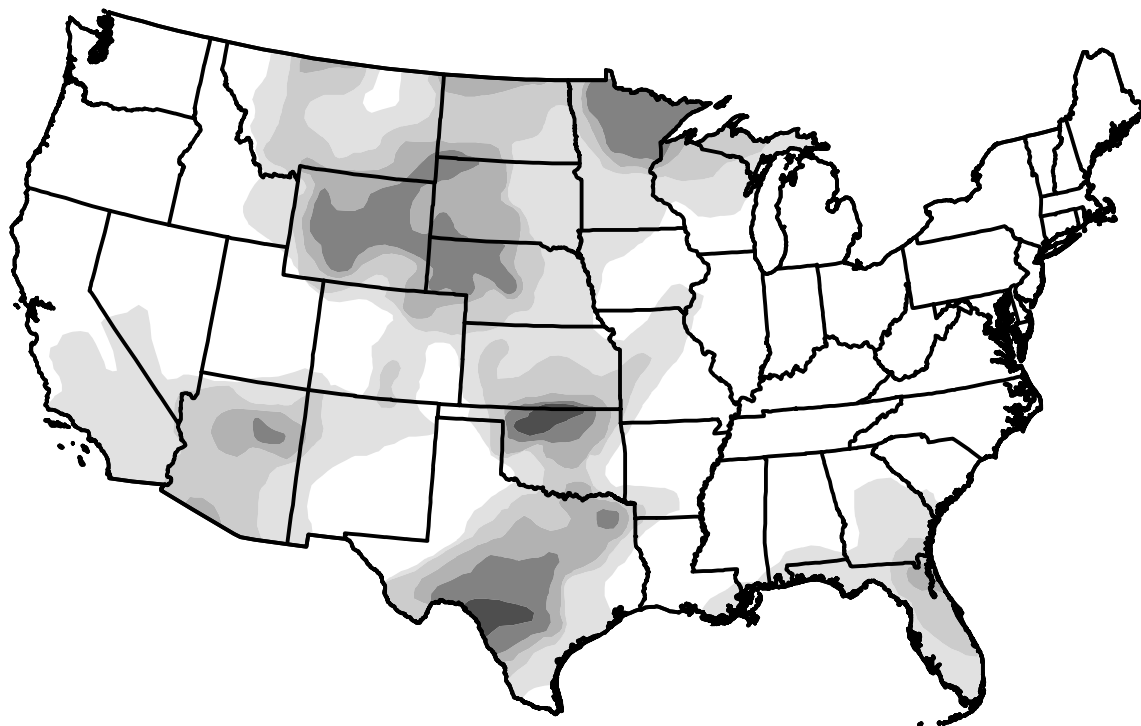


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	52.23	47.76	25.65	13.51	6.23	0.61
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	53.72	46.27	25.13	13.13	6.14	0.17
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	42.32	57.68	40.14	22.10	10.29	1.44
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>12-13-2005</i>	53.39	46.60	22.60	6.72	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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