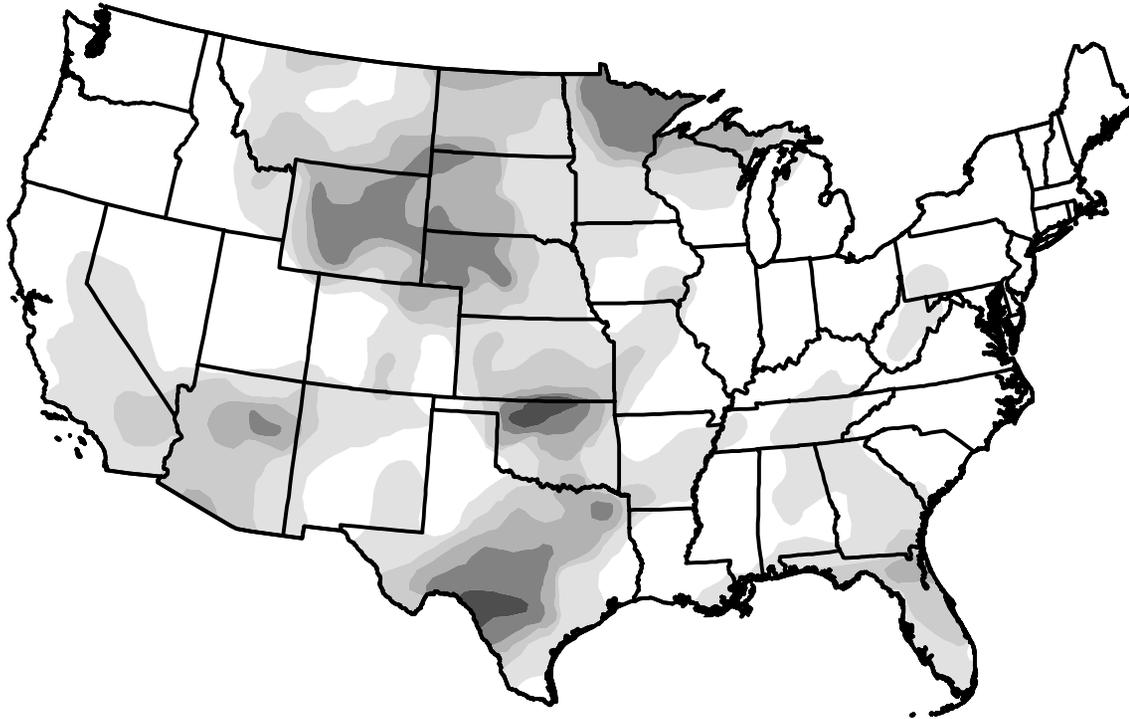


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

**December 19, 2006**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	46.12	27.35	12.81	7.51	5.58	0.61
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-12-2006</i>	52.23	22.11	12.14	7.28	5.62	0.61
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-19-2006</i>	43.28	19.93	20.29	8.97	7.22	0.30
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.05	21.66	13.81	4.53	2.34	0.61
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2006</i>	45.12	21.94	16.63	9.69	6.46	0.14
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-20-2005</i>	53.88	23.33	15.39	4.59	2.27	0.54

*Intensity:*



*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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