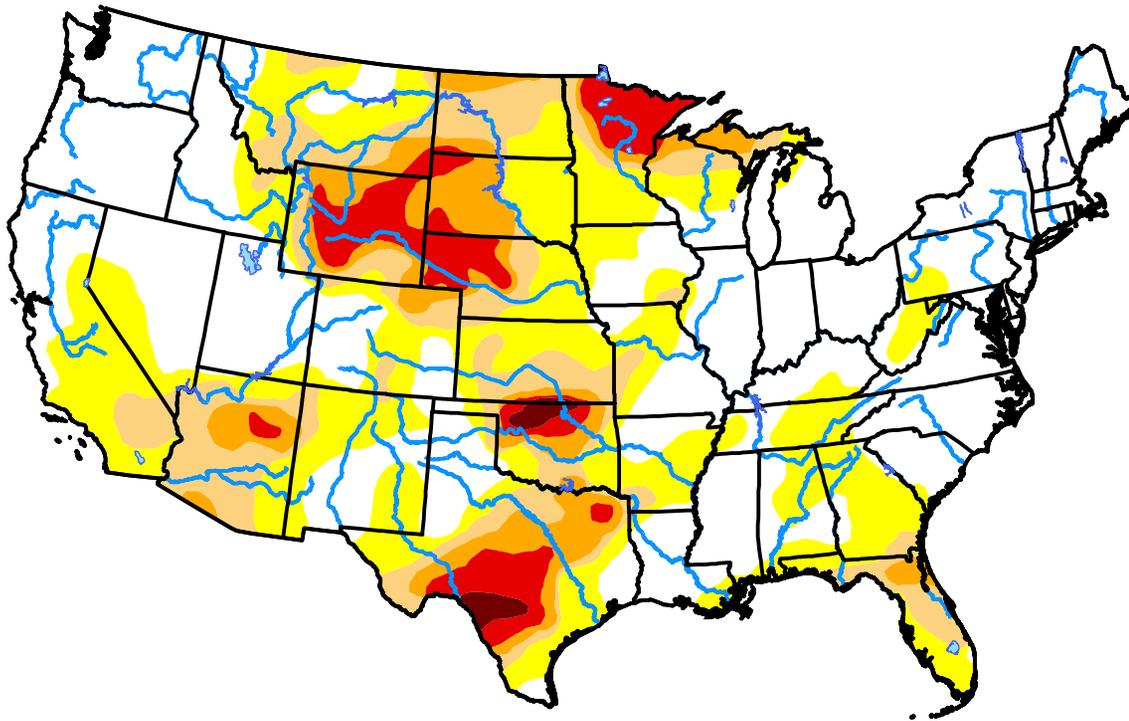


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	46.12	53.87	26.52	13.71	6.19	0.61
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-12-2006</i>	52.23	47.76	25.65	13.51	6.23	0.61
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-19-2006</i>	43.28	56.71	36.78	16.49	7.52	0.30
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.05	42.95	21.29	7.49	2.95	0.61
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2006</i>	45.12	54.87	32.93	16.30	6.61	0.14
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-20-2005</i>	53.88	46.11	22.78	7.40	2.80	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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