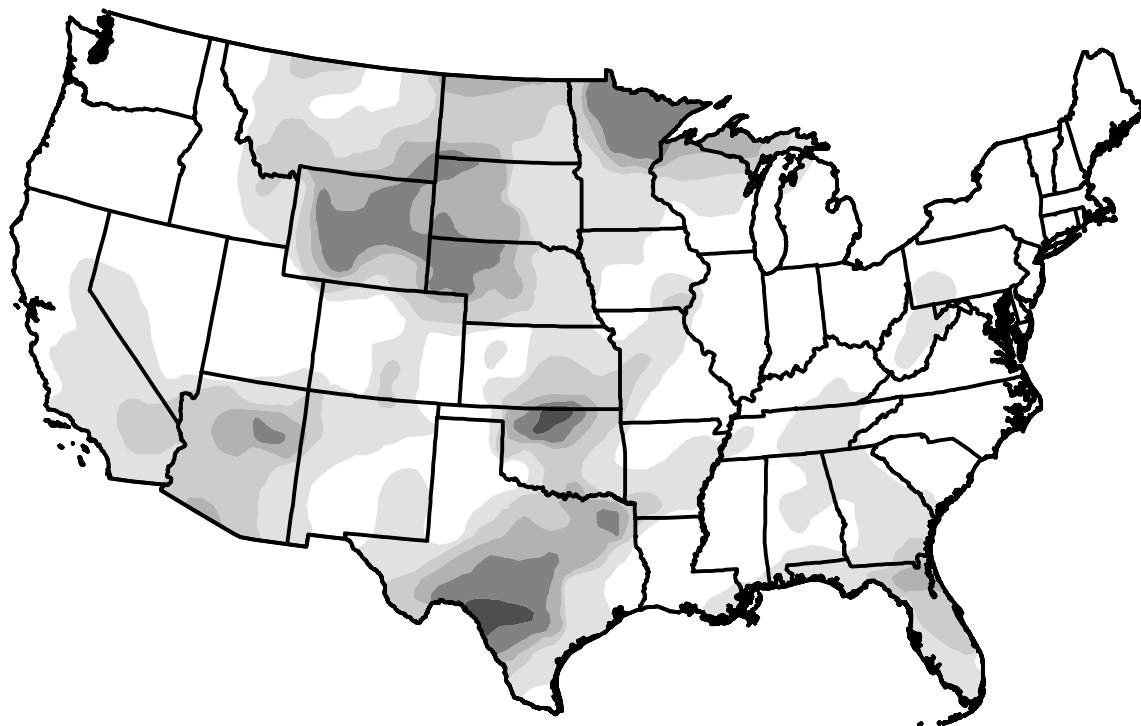


U.S. Drought Monitor

Contiguous U.S. (CONUS)

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	47.52	26.94	12.50	7.18	5.38	0.48
Last Week <i>12-19-2006</i>	46.12	27.35	12.81	7.51	5.58	0.61
3 Months Ago <i>09-26-2006</i>	45.12	21.94	16.63	9.69	6.46	0.14
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>12-27-2005</i>	55.65	21.74	15.26	4.54	2.27	0.54

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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