



U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for March 7 - May 31, 2013

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Some Improvement

Development

Some Improvement

Some Improvement

Some Improvement

Improvement

Improvement

Persistence

Persistence

KEY:



Drought to persist or intensify



Drought ongoing, some improvement



Drought likely to improve, impacts ease



Drought development likely

Development

Development

Development

No Drought Posted/Predicted



Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity). For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor. NOTE: the green improvement areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels, but do not necessarily imply drought elimination.