



# U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

## Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for February 21 - May 31, 2013

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Some Improvement

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Development

Improvement

Some Improvement

Persistence

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### KEY:

Drought to persist or intensify

Drought ongoing, some improvement

Drought likely to improve, impacts ease

Drought development likely

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.