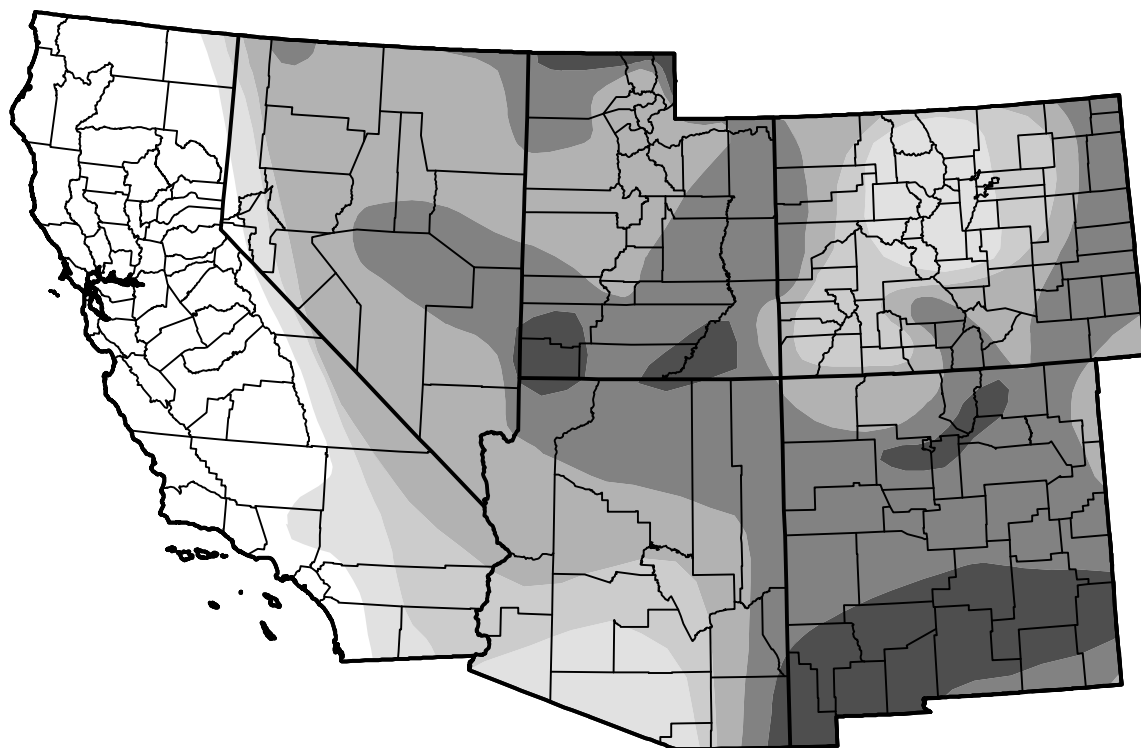


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.31	83.69	74.79	65.21	37.80	8.44
Last Week <i>02-17-2004</i>	15.60	84.40	74.79	65.21	37.80	8.44
3 Months Ago <i>11-25-2003</i>	10.54	89.46	77.90	63.30	41.55	5.01
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	15.48	84.52	75.05	66.28	36.72	6.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	15.51	84.49	77.83	65.78	40.36	3.02
One Year Ago <i>02-25-2003</i>	14.44	85.56	79.44	64.95	46.45	2.32

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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