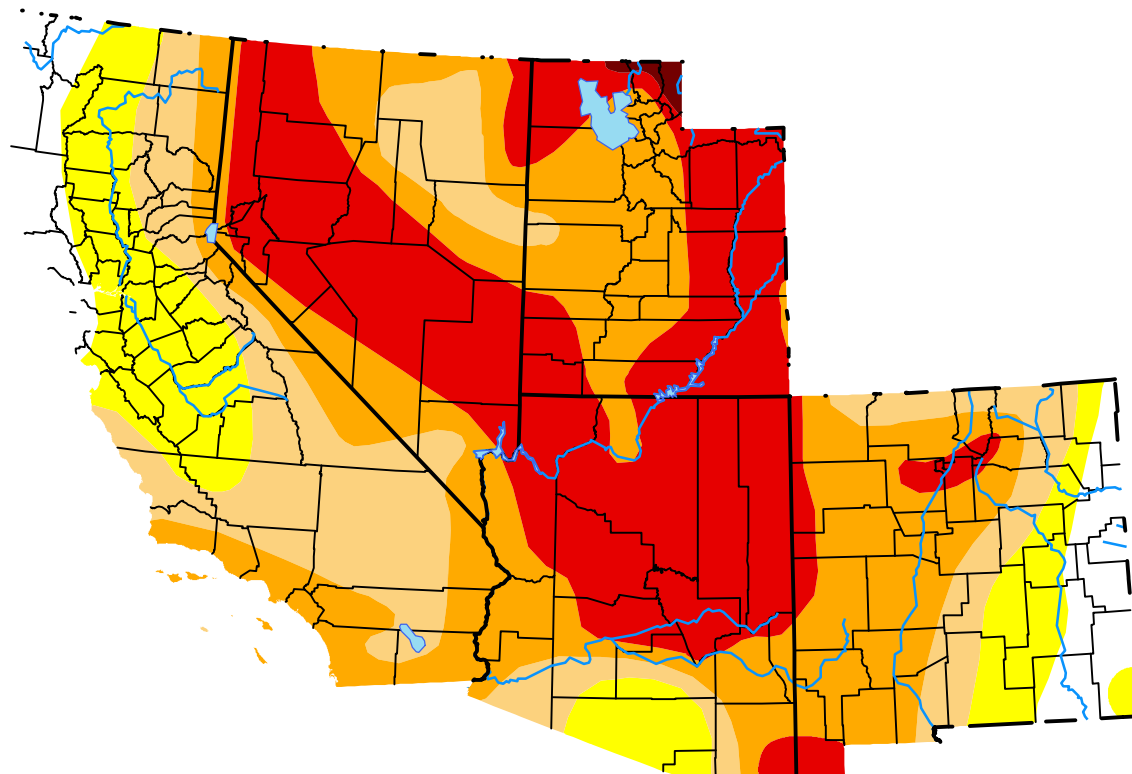


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.93	12.75	18.67	31.00	30.38	0.28
Last Week <i>08-12-2004</i>	5.99	12.11	18.12	34.08	29.41	0.28
3 Months Ago <i>05-20-2004</i>	5.82	17.10	22.46	32.57	21.73	0.34
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago <i>08-21-2003</i>	18.15	2.61	10.59	27.85	36.36	4.45

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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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