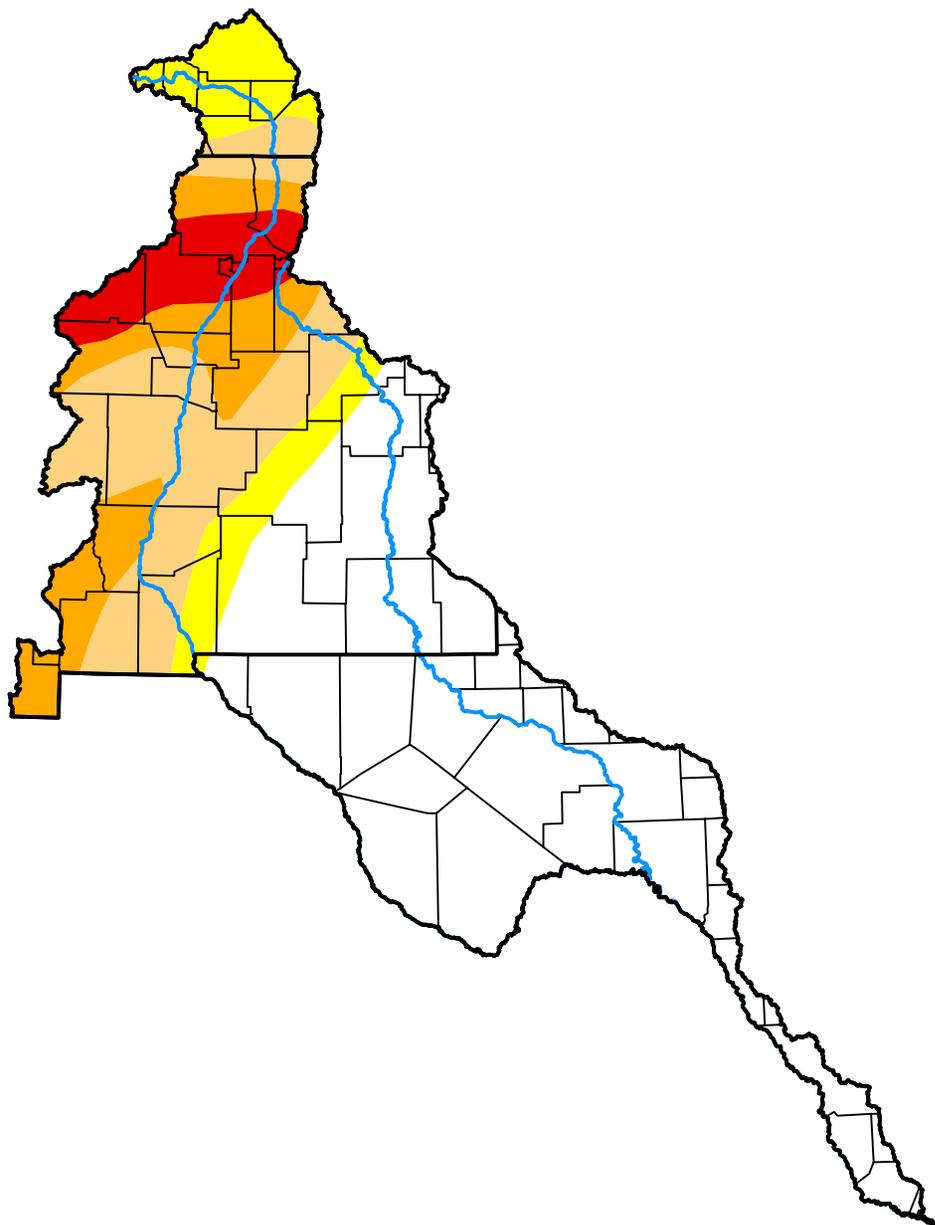


# U.S. Drought Monitor Rio Grande Watershed

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	54.70	45.30	35.56	17.25	6.02	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-16-2004</i>	54.70	45.30	35.56	17.25	6.02	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-23-2004</i>	38.69	61.31	41.11	28.91	2.89	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2003</i>	16.66	83.34	80.05	77.42	64.26	16.54
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2004</i>	40.50	59.50	41.01	28.91	2.89	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-24-2003</i>	15.96	84.04	79.97	77.11	58.85	16.36

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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