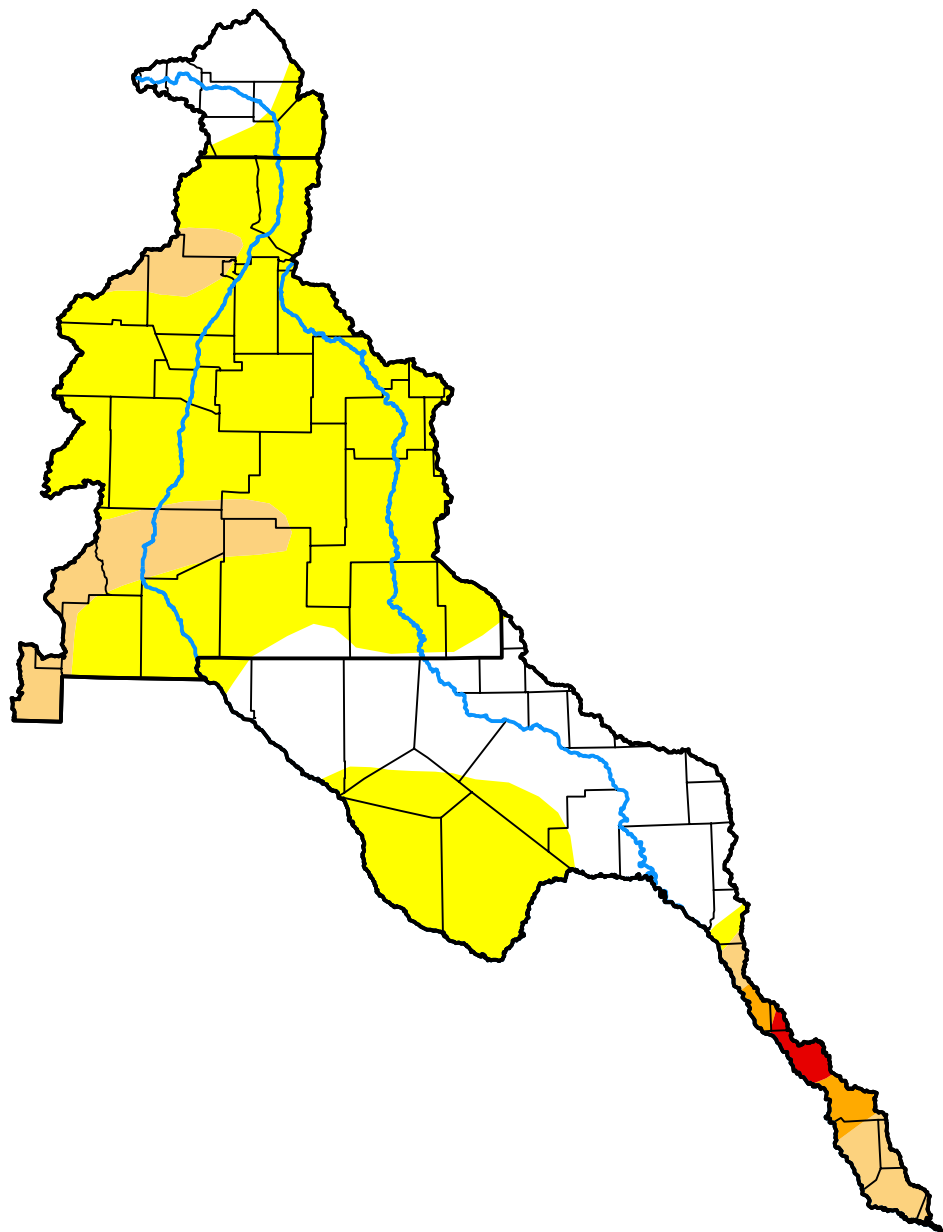


U.S. Drought Monitor

Rio Grande Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	27.26	72.74	12.25	1.81	0.68	0.00
Last Week <i>12-15-2005</i>	27.50	72.50	12.01	0.98	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2005</i>	53.03	46.97	14.99	1.06	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	54.70	45.30	35.56	17.25	6.02	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	50.33	49.67	15.28	1.37	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-23-2004</i>	54.70	45.30	35.56	17.25	6.02	0.00

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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