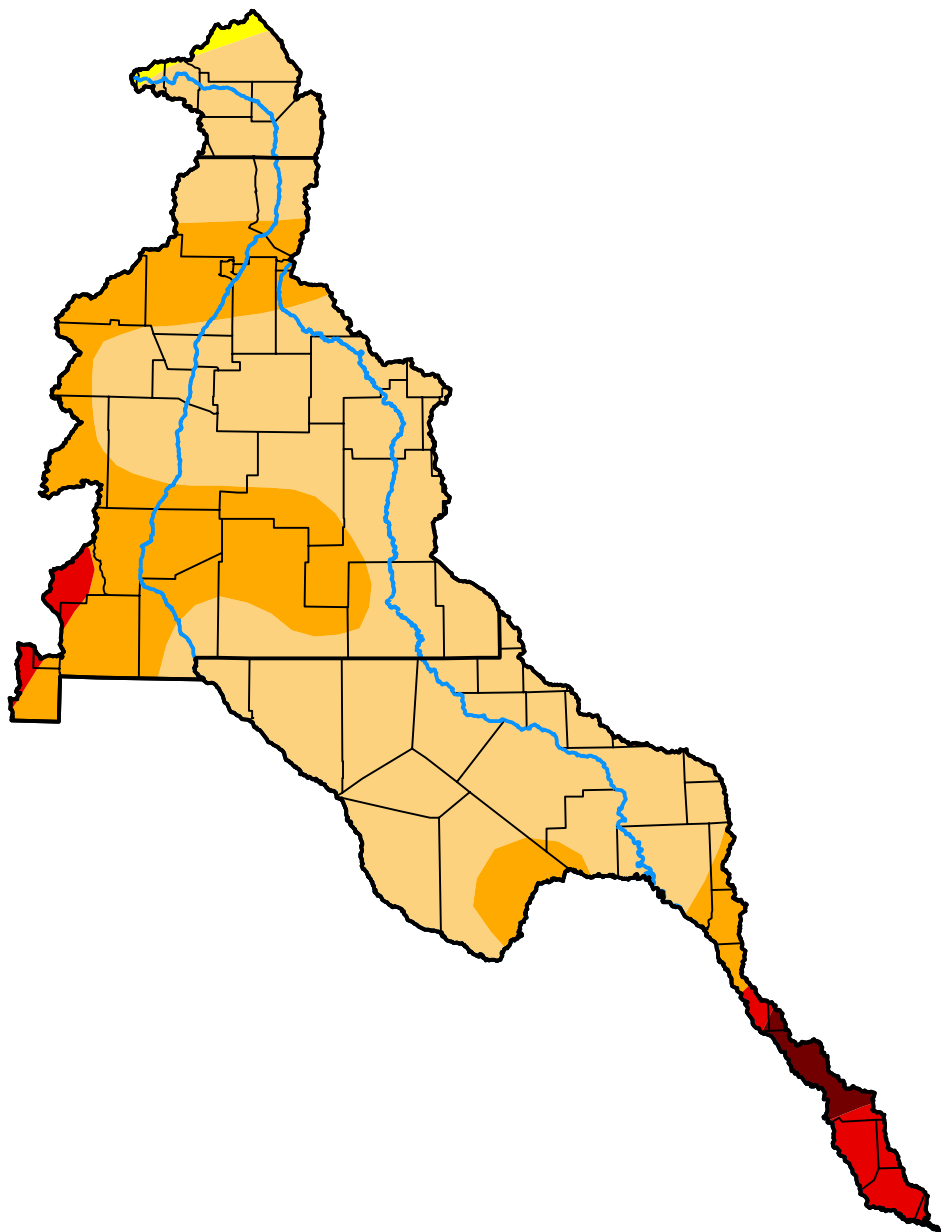


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Rio Grande Watershed

**February 28, 2006**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 0.00  | 0.62  | 66.85 | 27.92 | 3.40 | 1.21 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-23-2006</i>              | 0.00  | 0.58  | 66.90 | 27.92 | 4.61 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-01-2005</i>           | 38.22 | 49.77 | 11.03 | 0.98  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2006</i> | 23.03 | 64.68 | 8.76  | 3.15  | 0.39 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2005</i>    | 50.33 | 34.39 | 13.91 | 1.37  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-03-2005</i>           | 61.10 | 22.04 | 9.97  | 4.81  | 2.07 | 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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