

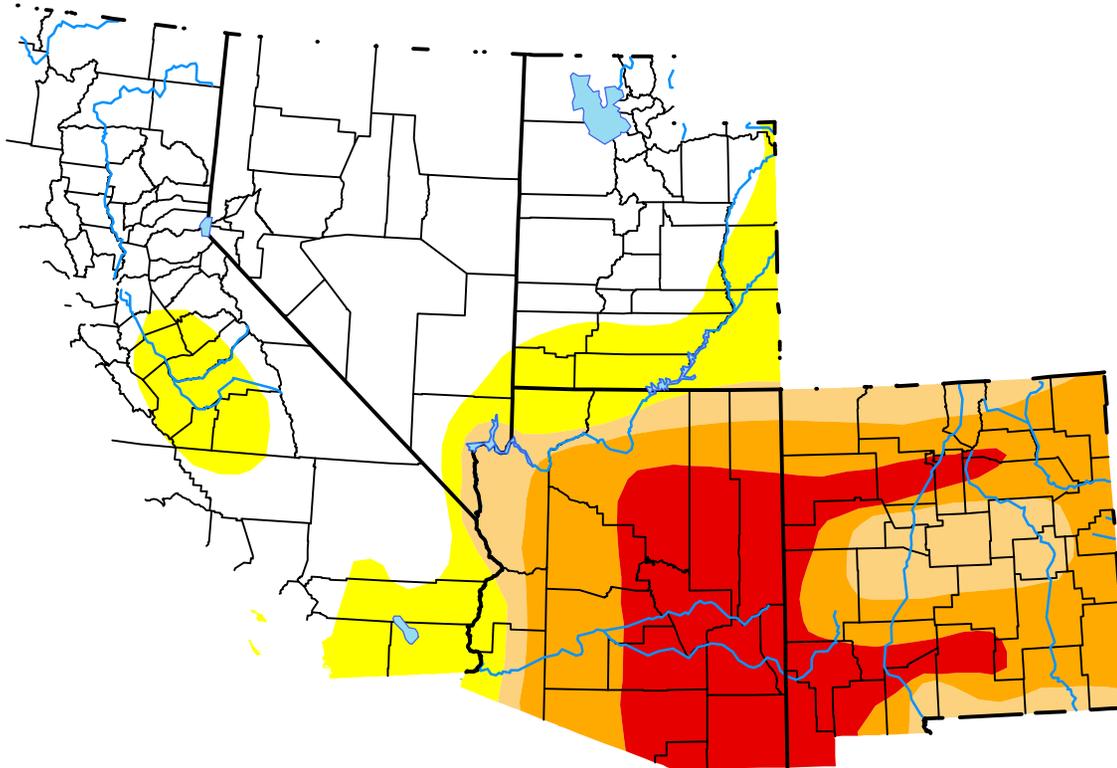
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**March 7, 2006**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 9, 2006)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	48.63	51.37	38.56	29.35	13.32	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-02-2006</i>	47.83	52.17	38.62	23.91	7.48	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-08-2005</i>	64.21	35.79	6.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	42.85	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2005</i>	76.22	23.78	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-10-2005</i>	42.28	57.72	32.81	9.73	1.25	0.01



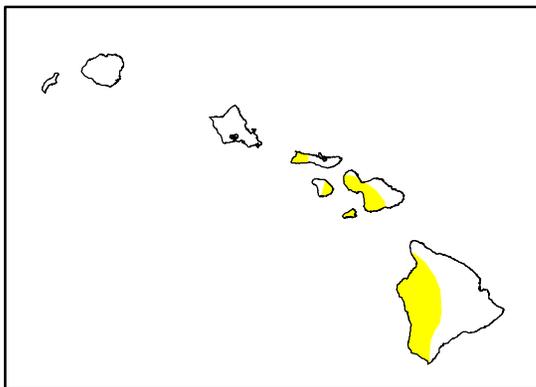
**Intensity:**



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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