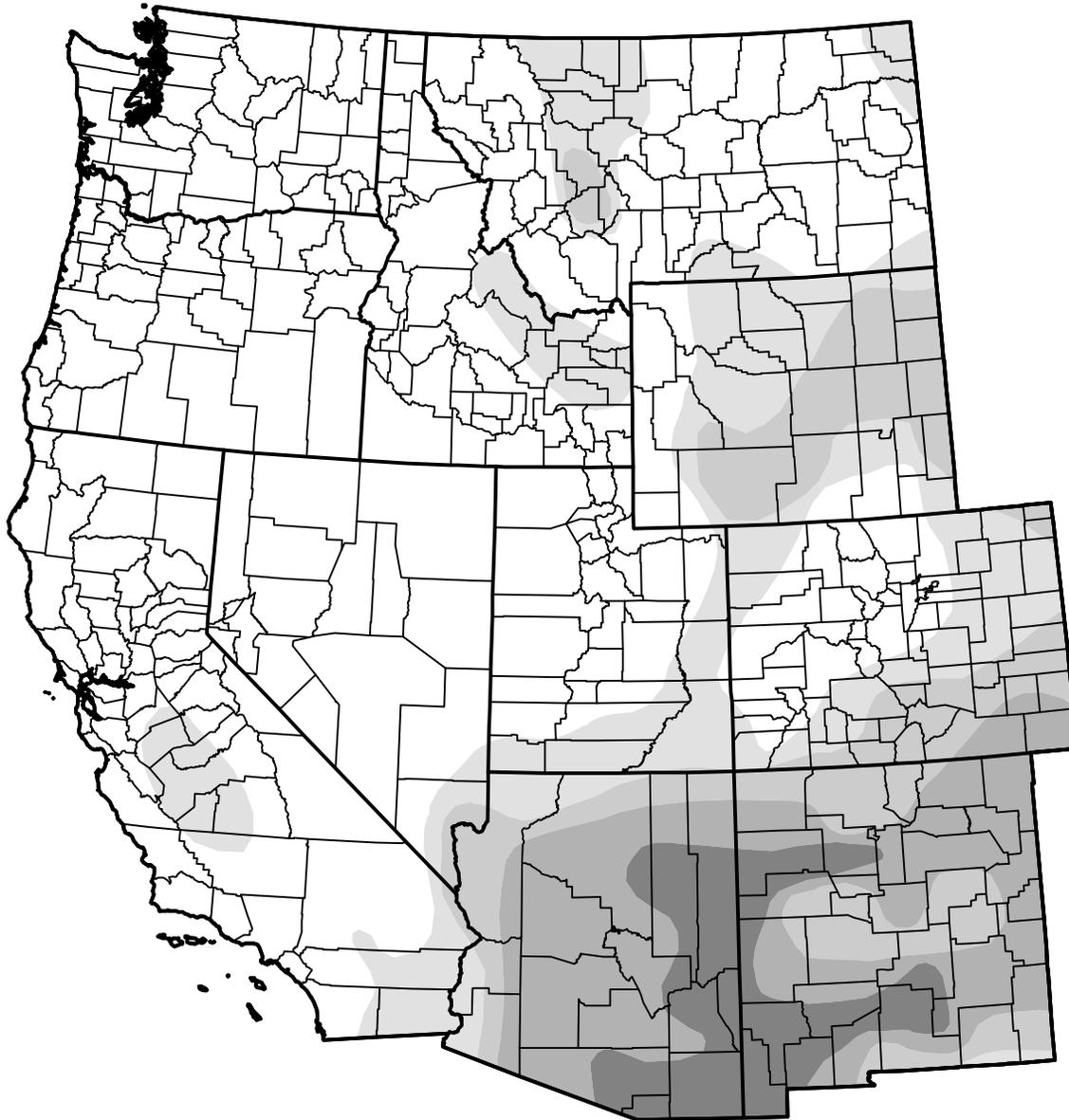


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

**March 21, 2006**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 23, 2006)*  
**Valid 7 a.m. EST**



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	59.72	40.28	25.04	15.09	5.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-14-2006</i>	59.82	40.18	25.14	15.33	5.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-20-2005</i>	50.85	49.15	18.75	1.03	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.59	42.41	14.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	45.73	54.27	30.88	11.63	0.96	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-22-2005</i>	23.08	76.92	57.97	39.06	16.16	3.93

***Intensity:***



*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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