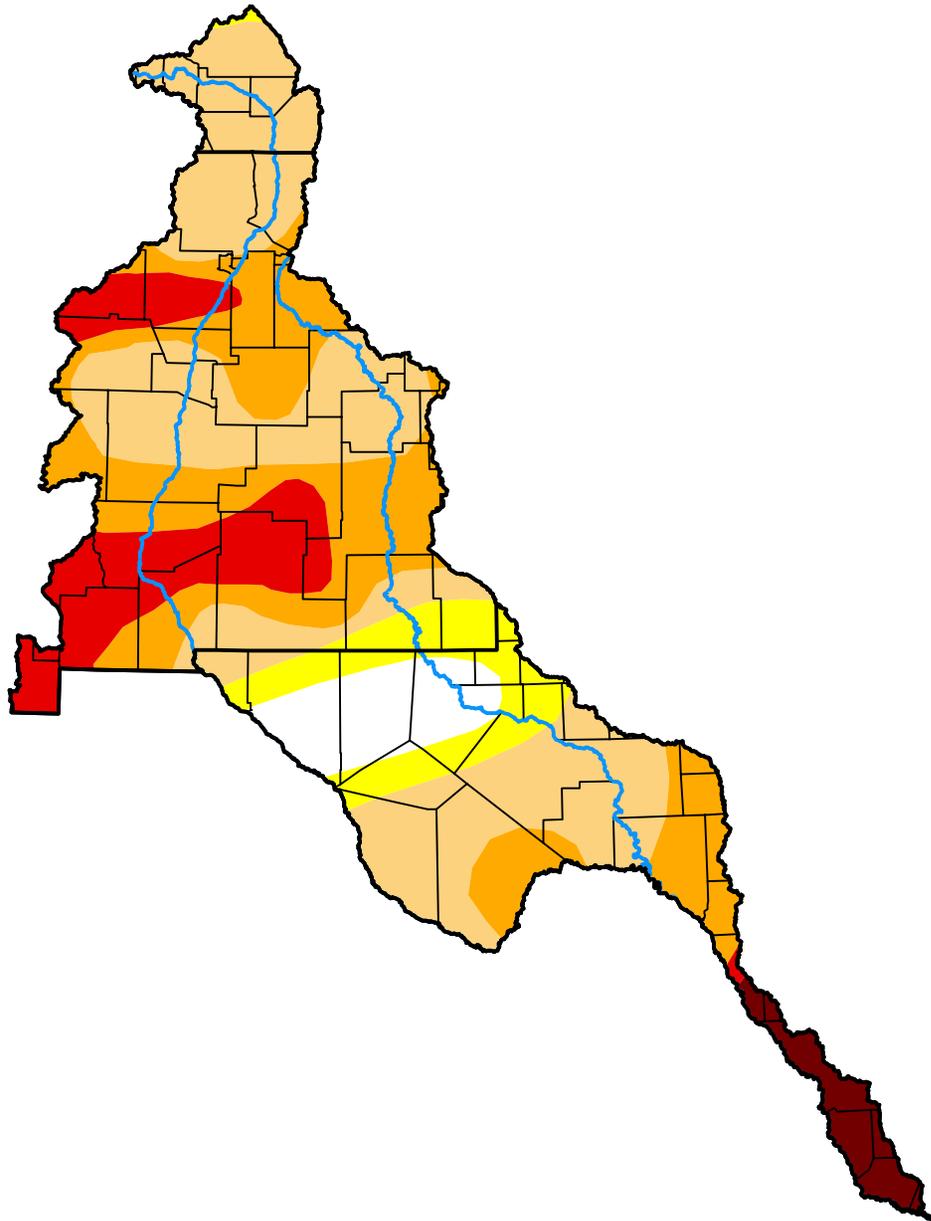


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Rio Grande Watershed

**March 28, 2006**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 30, 2006)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 6.83  | 93.17 | 84.57 | 44.21 | 16.62 | 3.53 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-23-2006</i>              | 0.03  | 99.97 | 85.90 | 44.21 | 16.62 | 3.53 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-29-2005</i>           | 27.26 | 72.74 | 12.25 | 1.81  | 0.68  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2006</i> | 23.03 | 76.97 | 12.30 | 3.54  | 0.39  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2005</i>    | 50.33 | 49.67 | 15.28 | 1.37  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-31-2005</i>           | 64.18 | 35.82 | 16.26 | 4.25  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

***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>*

***Author:***

Candace Tankersley  
 NOAA/NESDIS/NCEI

