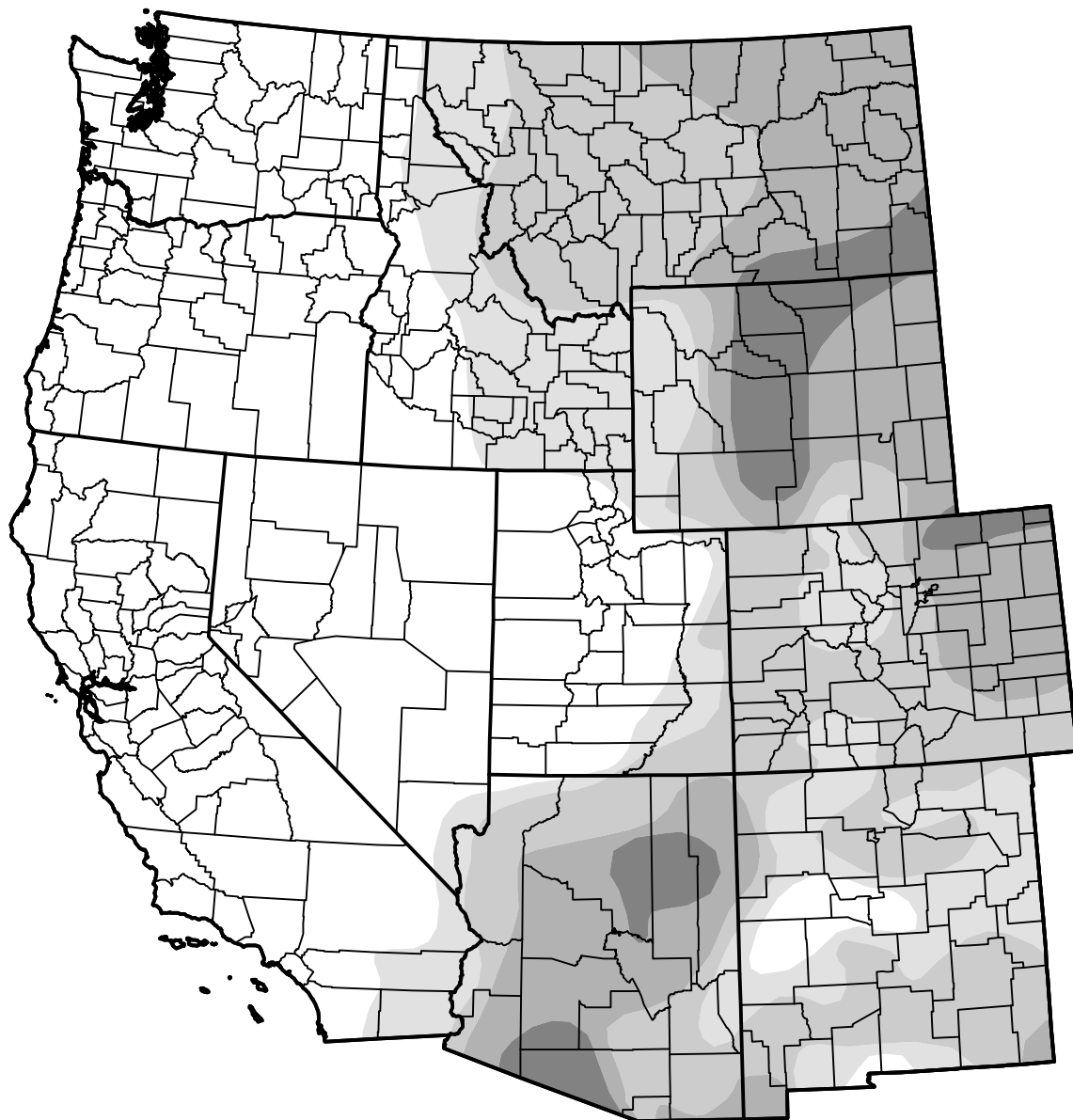


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	44.68	14.96	20.64	14.91	4.82	0.00
Last Week <i>08-08-2006</i>	43.80	18.60	16.54	17.09	3.98	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-16-2006</i>	61.81	10.17	9.41	7.31	9.60	1.68
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.59	28.01	14.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	45.73	23.39	19.25	10.67	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-16-2005</i>	44.53	23.00	19.83	12.64	0.00	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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