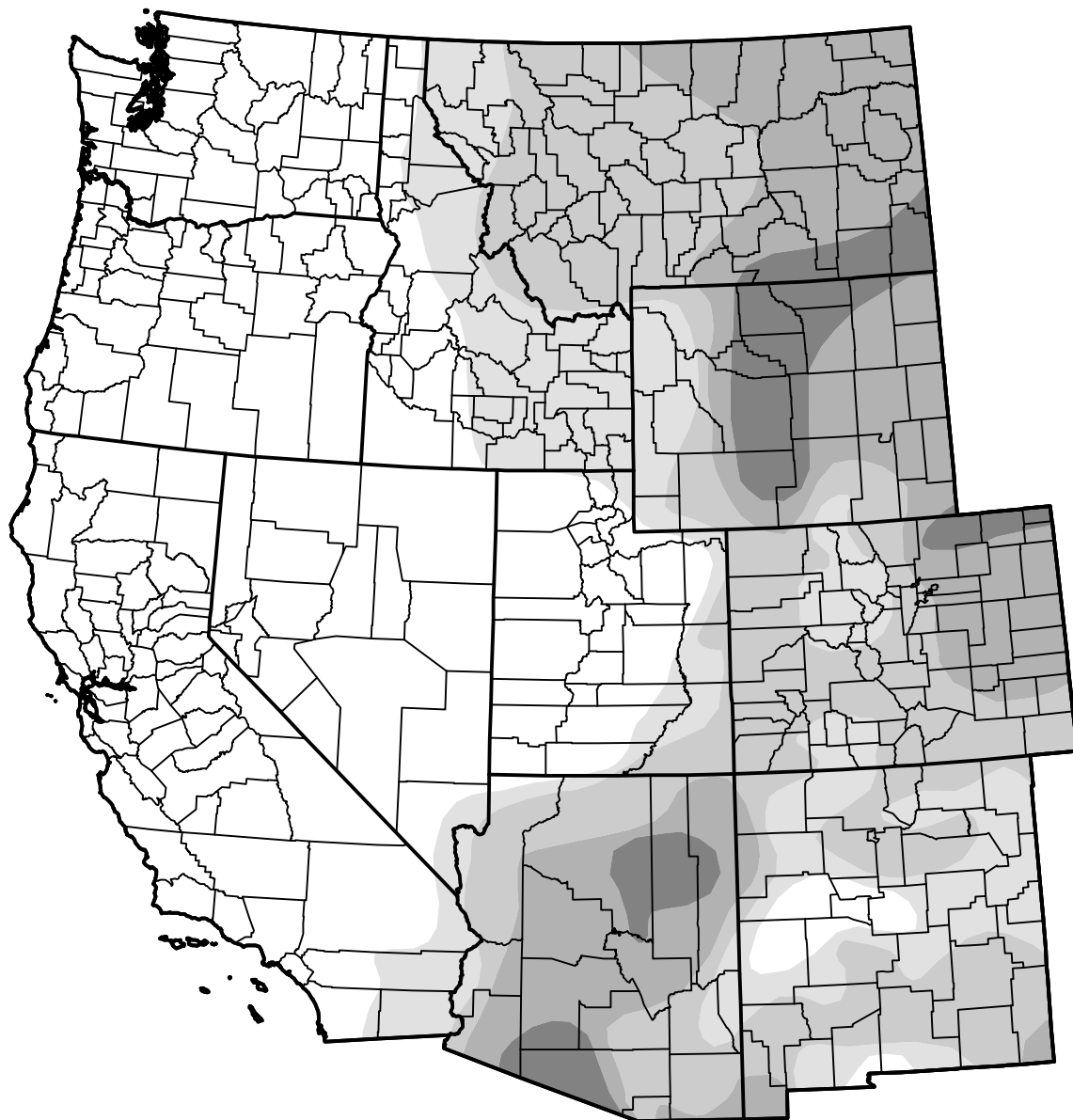


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	44.68	55.32	40.37	19.73	4.82	0.00
Last Week <i>08-08-2006</i>	43.80	56.20	37.61	21.07	3.98	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-16-2006</i>	61.81	38.19	28.02	18.60	11.29	1.68
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.59	42.41	14.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	45.73	54.27	30.88	11.63	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-16-2005</i>	44.53	55.47	32.47	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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