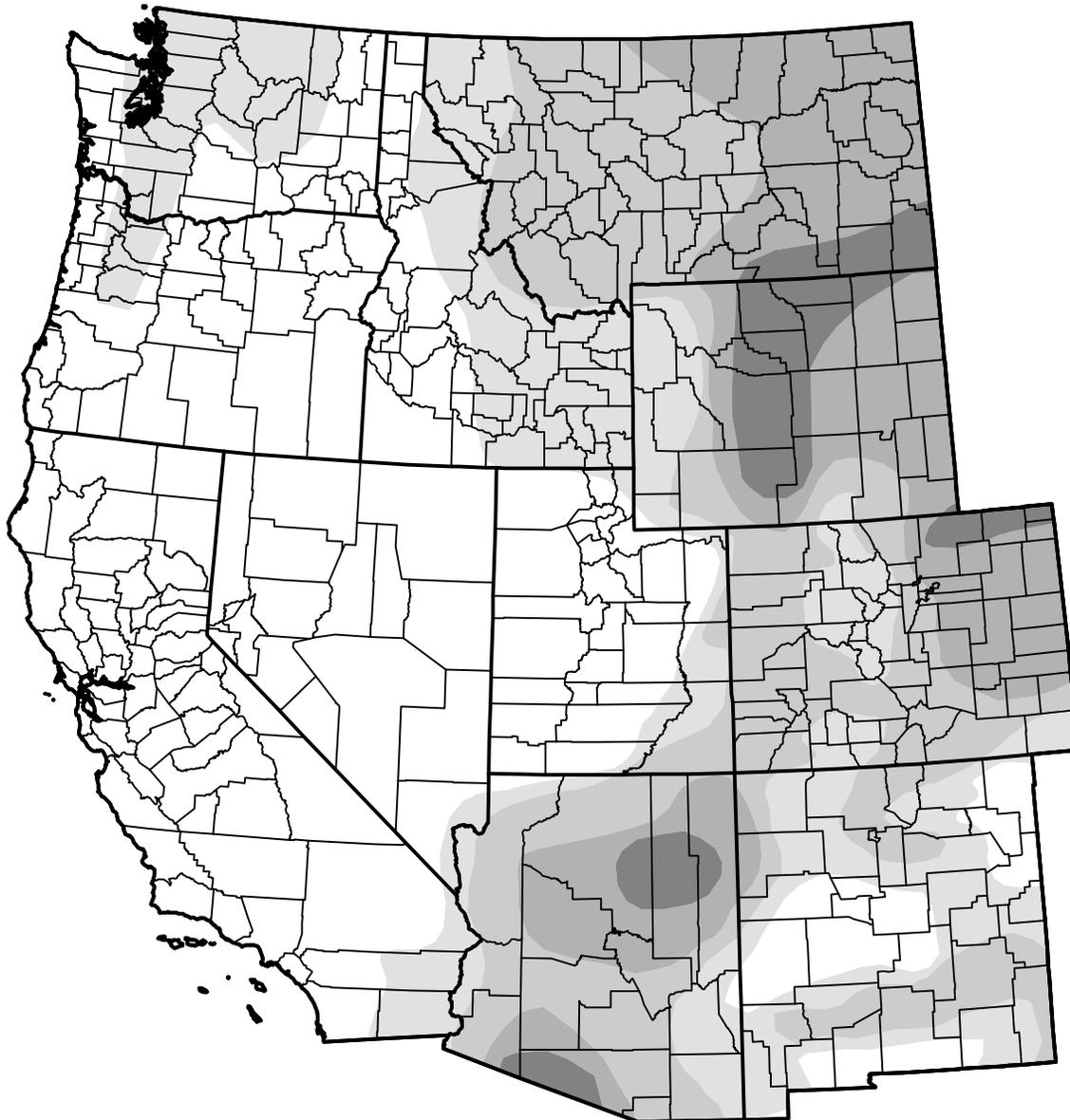


# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	43.90	19.40	18.90	13.48	4.33	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-22-2006</i>	46.83	15.27	20.09	13.34	4.47	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-30-2006</i>	59.98	10.60	9.31	7.96	10.46	1.68
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.59	28.01	14.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	45.73	23.39	19.25	10.67	0.96	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-30-2005</i>	45.77	23.50	18.45	12.28	0.00	0.00

***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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