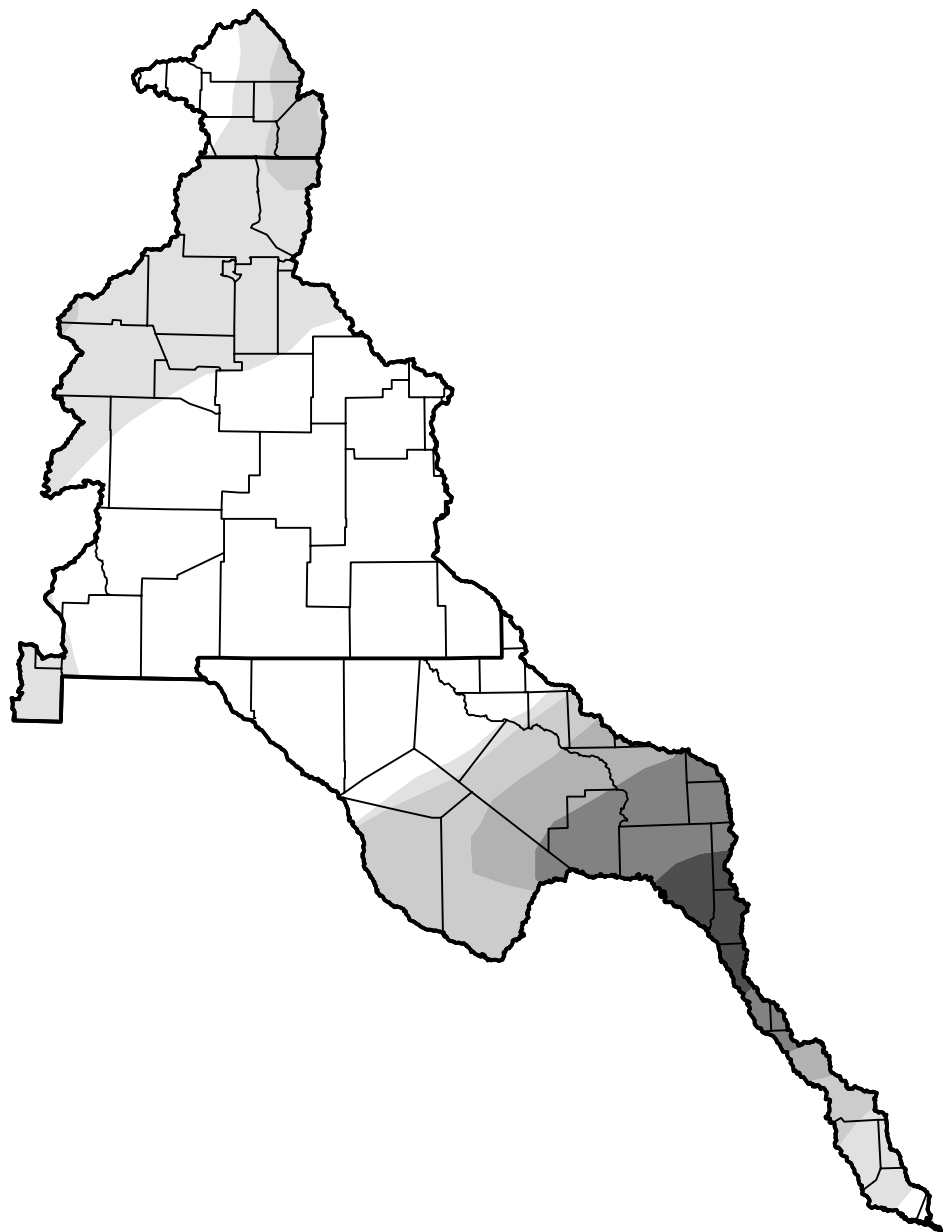


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Rio Grande Watershed

**December 12, 2006**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 53.45 | 46.55 | 24.78 | 13.61 | 8.62  | 2.15 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-07-2006</i>              | 63.02 | 36.98 | 24.85 | 14.63 | 8.27  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-14-2006</i>           | 51.60 | 48.40 | 28.88 | 15.33 | 9.69  | 2.22 |
| <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>09-28-2006</i>    | 58.51 | 41.49 | 23.98 | 13.63 | 0.89  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-15-2005</i>           | 27.50 | 72.50 | 12.01 | 0.98  | 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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