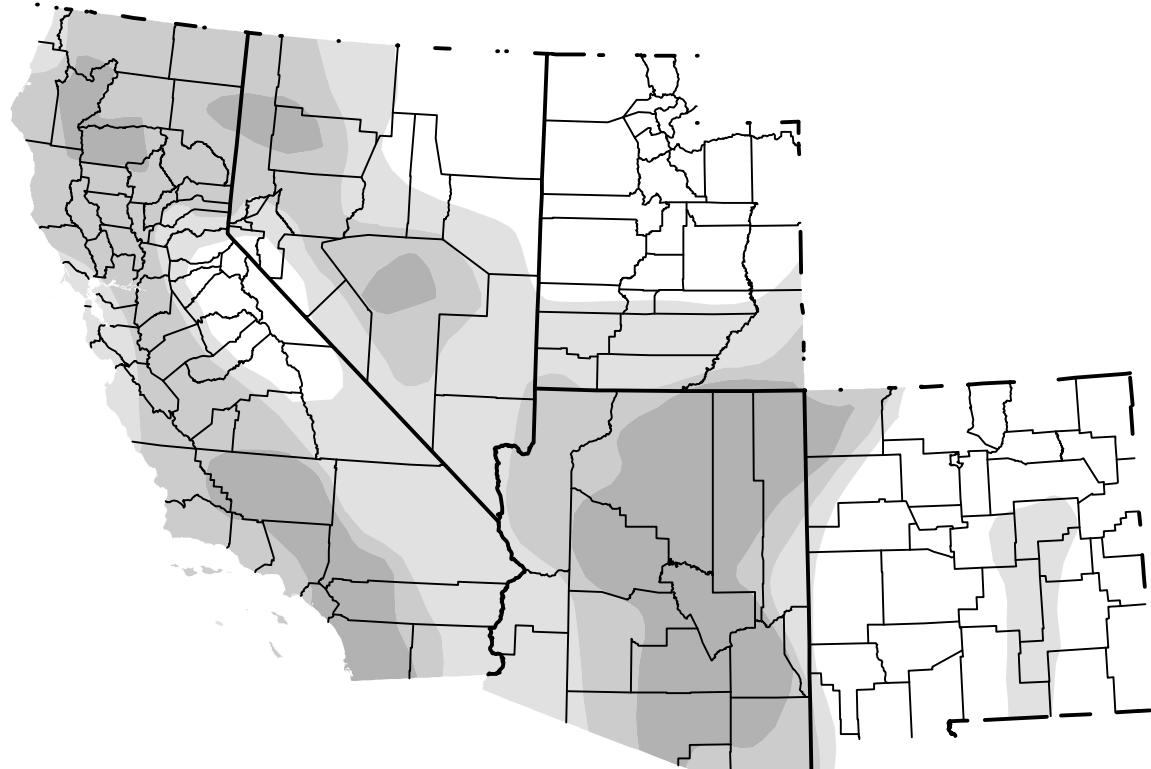


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 33.47 | 66.53 | 41.64 | 17.13 | 0.07 | 0.00 |
| Last Week 10-22-2009 | 30.52 | 69.48 | 41.06 | 17.27 | 0.07 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago 07-30-2009 | 41.80 | 58.20 | 29.12 | 14.09 | 0.03 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2009 | 34.00 | 66.00 | 42.31 | 17.71 | 0.86 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year 10-01-2009 | 30.31 | 69.69 | 38.16 | 14.12 | 0.07 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago 10-30-2008 | 37.08 | 62.92 | 43.84 | 20.14 | 0.13 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

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|--|---------------------|--|------------------------|
| | 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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