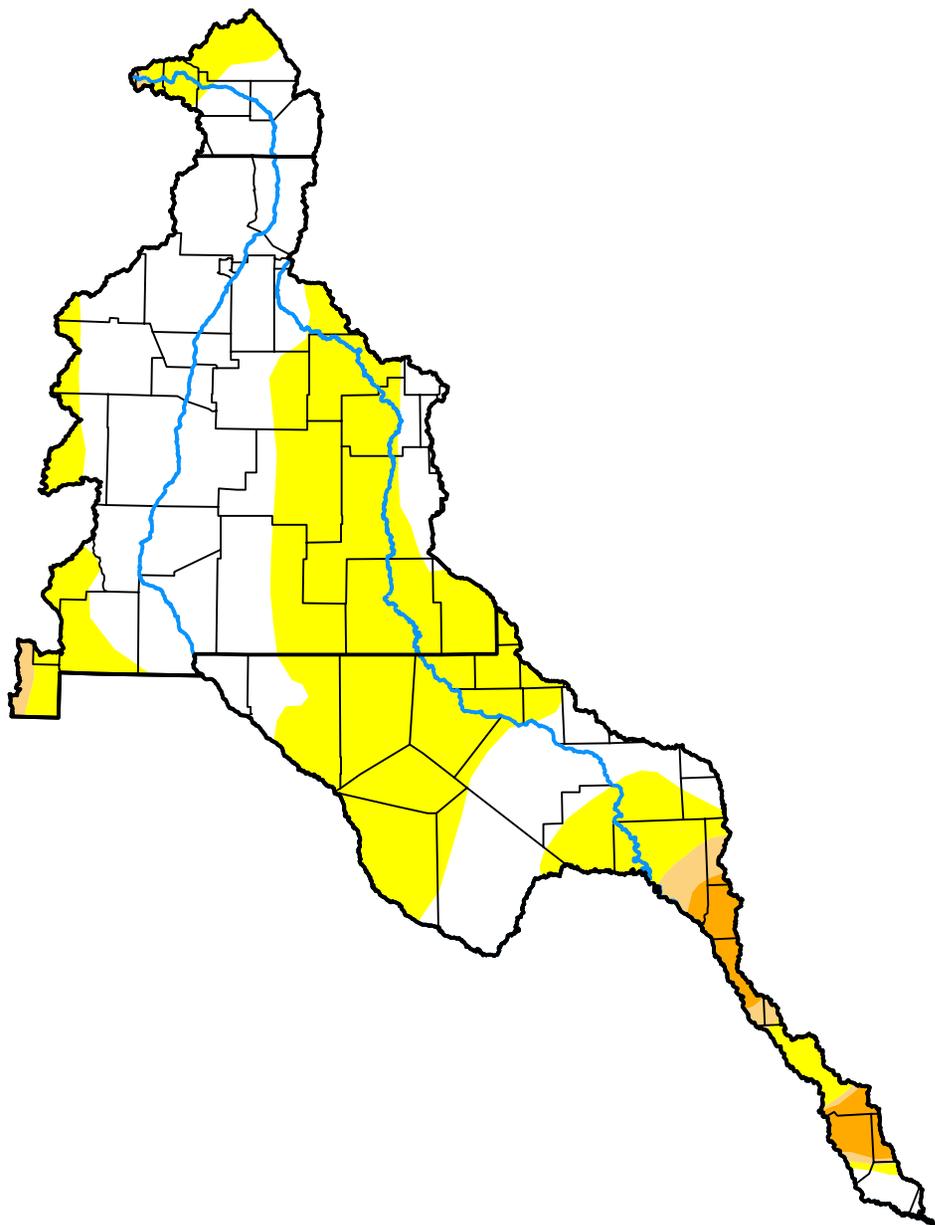


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Rio Grande Watershed

**December 15, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	51.18	48.82	4.28	2.41	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-10-2009</i>	53.41	46.59	4.47	2.65	0.56	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-17-2009</i>	63.64	36.36	13.30	3.86	0.37	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2009</i>	71.45	28.55	4.74	1.37	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2009</i>	76.80	23.20	4.83	2.46	0.22	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-18-2008</i>	69.97	30.03	6.24	1.37	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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