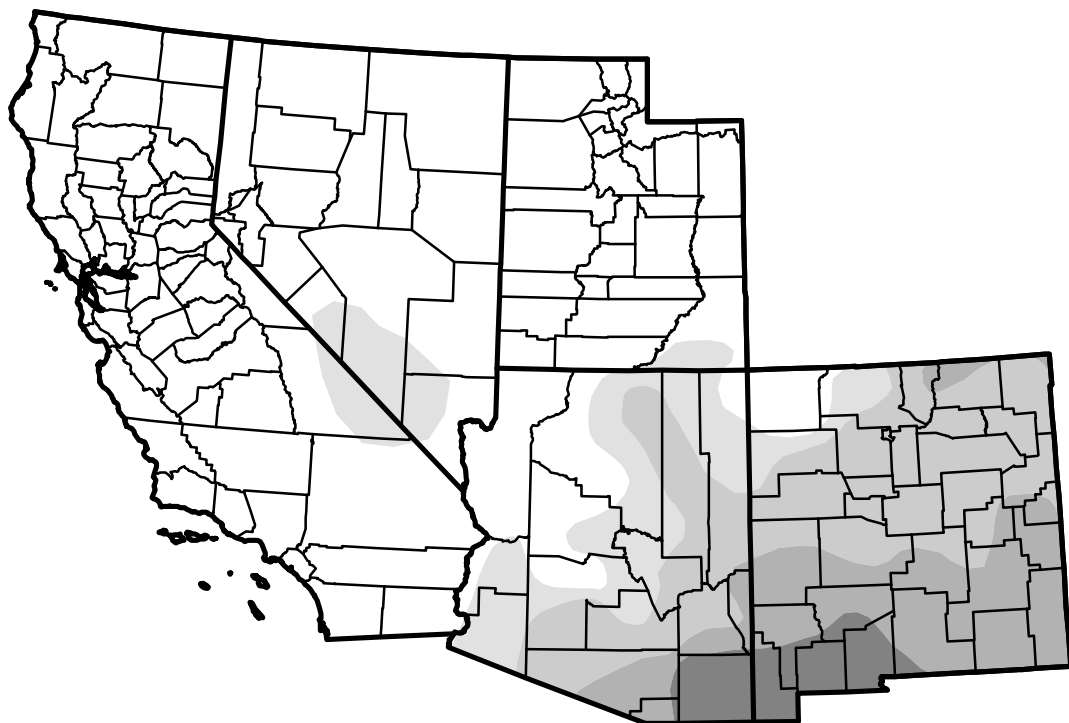


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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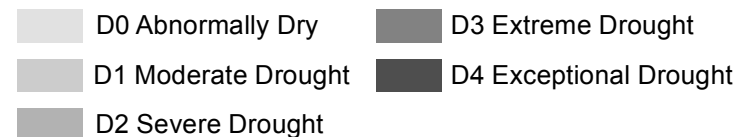
**March 22, 2011**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 24, 2011)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 63.10 | 36.90 | 26.84 | 12.13 | 3.23  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-15-2011</i>              | 62.87 | 37.13 | 25.69 | 9.40  | 3.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-21-2010</i>           | 53.41 | 46.59 | 17.12 | 0.33  | 0.05  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 65.37 | 34.63 | 14.85 | 0.18  | 0.03  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2010</i>    | 55.48 | 44.52 | 12.37 | 1.19  | 0.34  | 0.06 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-23-2010</i>           | 46.95 | 53.05 | 16.24 | 6.10  | 0.30  | 0.04 |

***Intensity:***



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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