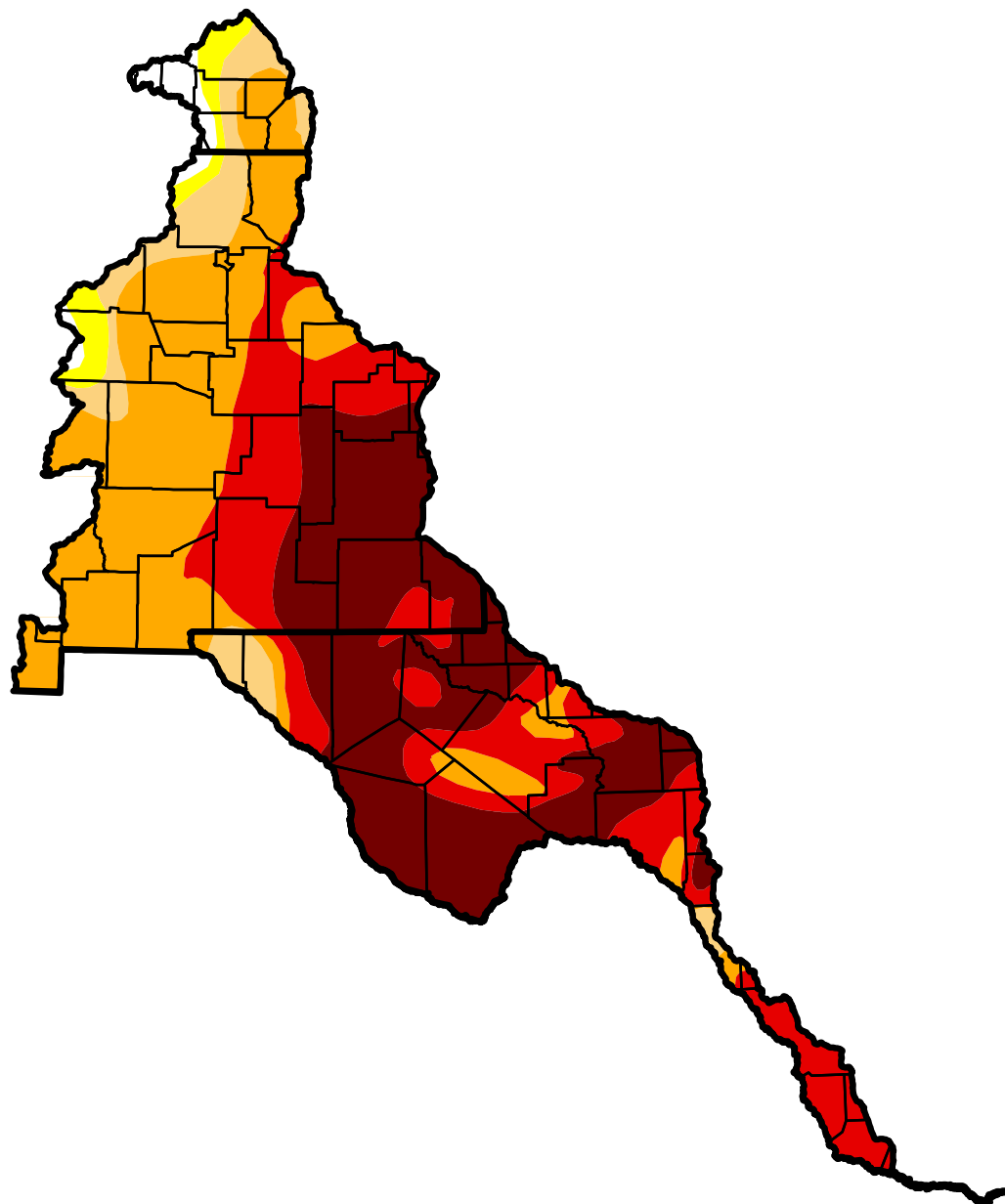


U.S. Drought Monitor

Rio Grande Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.79	2.70	7.19	30.85	24.80	32.68
Last Week <i>12/6/2011</i>	0.80	3.06	6.90	19.37	35.58	34.30
3 Months Ago <i>9/13/2011</i>	0.07	0.71	3.73	11.80	28.74	54.94
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/4/2011</i>	1.99	28.65	55.17	11.50	2.69	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/27/2011</i>	0.07	0.78	3.71	13.75	30.41	51.29
One Year Ago <i>12/14/2010</i>	0.13	67.20	21.39	8.85	2.44	0.00

Intensity:

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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