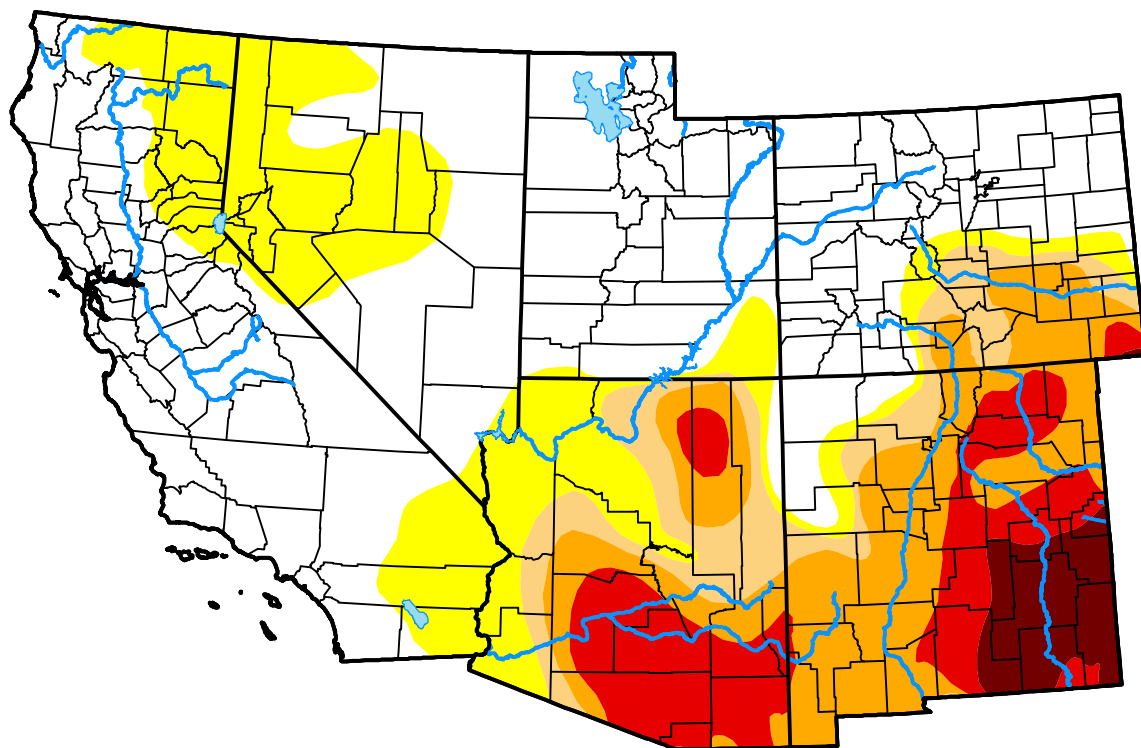


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

**December 13, 2011**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 49.55 | 19.55 | 6.32  | 12.68 | 8.73  | 3.17 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-06-2011</i>              | 55.05 | 13.93 | 6.09  | 9.51  | 12.11 | 3.31 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-13-2011</i>           | 48.61 | 17.45 | 7.29  | 9.54  | 10.05 | 7.06 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2011</i> | 61.96 | 18.17 | 18.34 | 1.52  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 55.16 | 12.27 | 6.93  | 9.73  | 9.39  | 6.52 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-14-2010</i>           | 45.03 | 38.83 | 14.63 | 1.51  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

## Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

## Author:

Matthew Rosencrans  
CPC/NCEP/NWS/NOAA



**droughtmonitor.unl.edu**