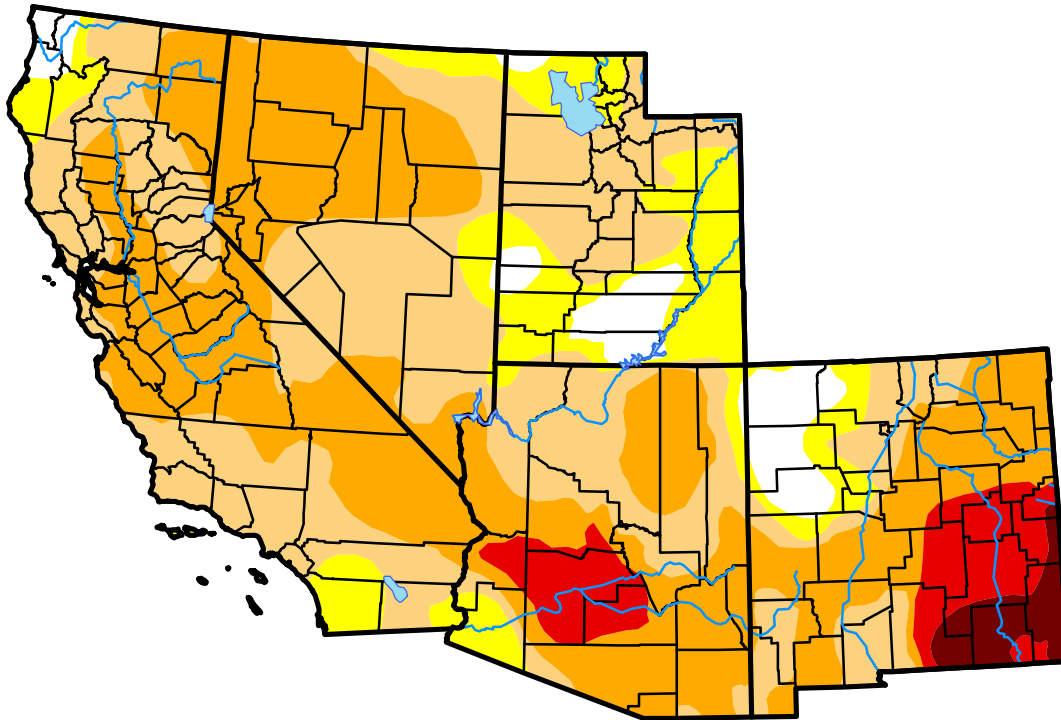


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.30	94.70	81.98	46.11	7.57	1.86
Last Week <i>03-20-2012</i>	5.45	94.55	81.98	43.97	6.79	1.86
3 Months Ago <i>12-27-2011</i>	32.40	67.60	32.34	22.04	5.32	1.55
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	29.39	70.61	48.41	22.03	5.32	1.55
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	53.66	46.34	33.56	26.52	17.15	7.49
One Year Ago <i>03-29-2011</i>	64.93	35.07	28.21	19.28	4.24	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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