

# U.S. Drought Monitor

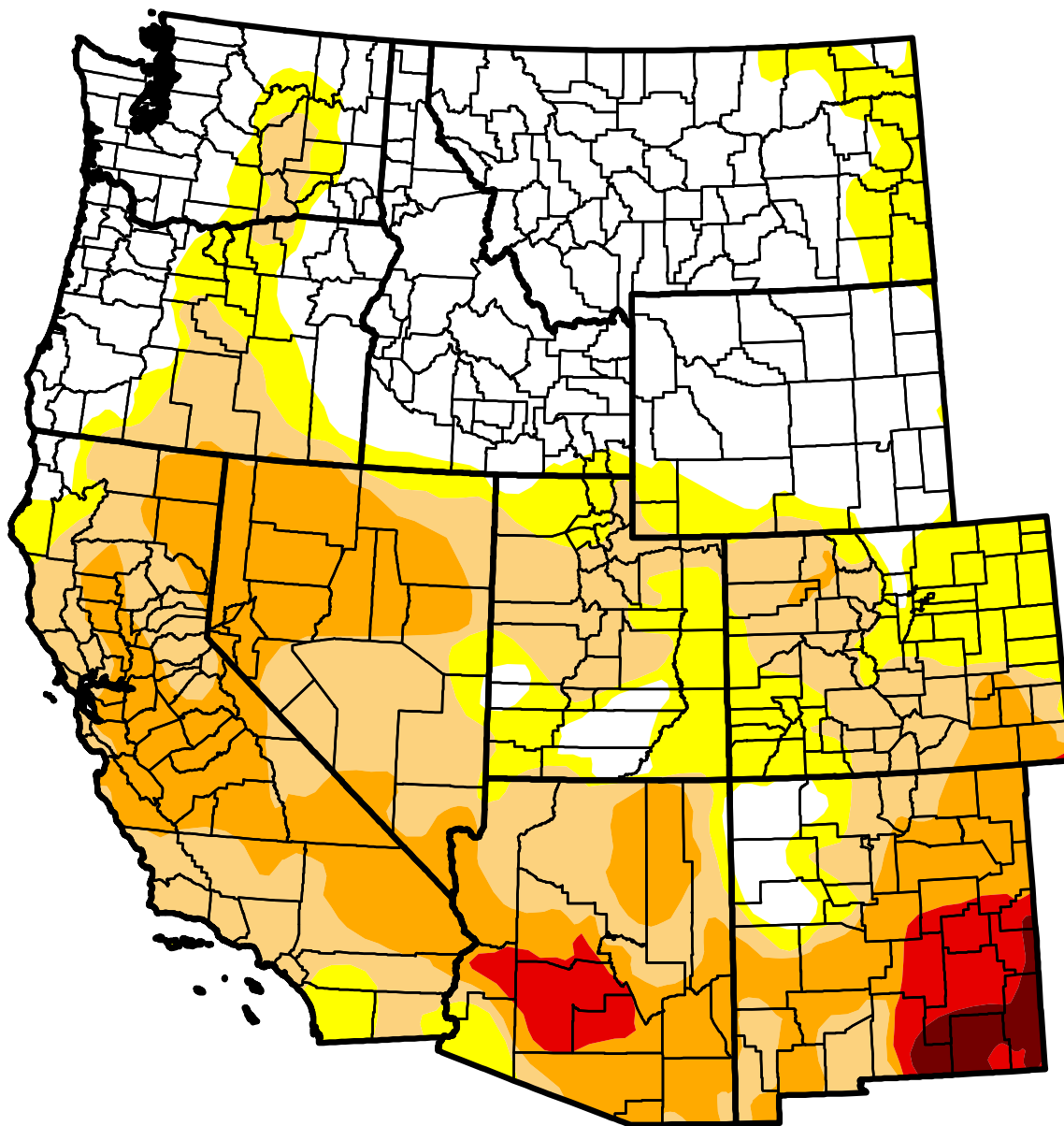
## West

**March 27, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 29, 2012)*

Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	35.56	64.44	47.91	23.86	3.78	0.94
<b>Last Week</b> <i>3/20/2012</i>	38.04	61.96	47.33	22.70	3.39	0.94
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12/27/2011</i>	48.49	51.51	20.05	12.22	2.67	0.78
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>1/3/2012</i>	50.20	49.80	28.05	11.84	2.67	0.78
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>9/27/2011</i>	66.72	33.28	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.81
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>3/29/2011</i>	89.87	10.13	2.79	0.00	0.00	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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