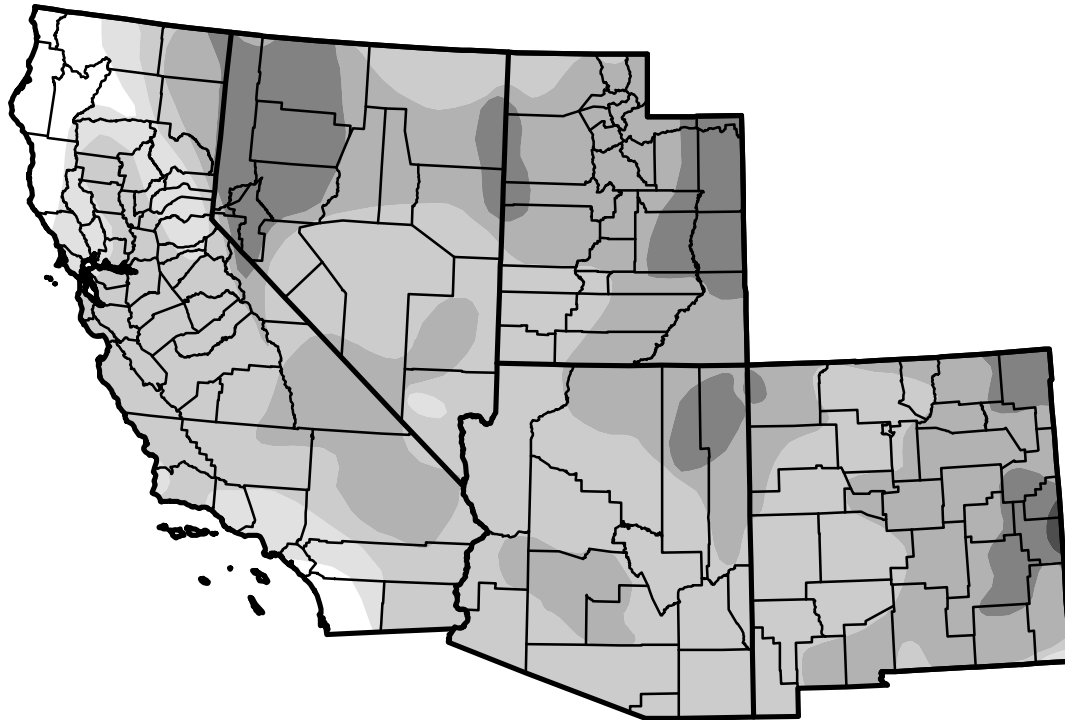


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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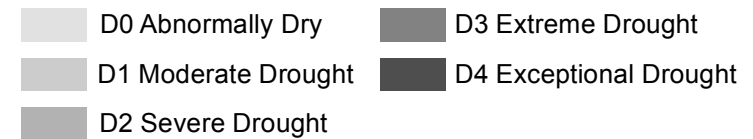
**October 2, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	3.49	5.37	44.04	34.91	12.05	0.14
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	3.44	5.31	43.91	35.16	12.05	0.13
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-03-2012</i>	4.45	8.85	20.36	50.09	16.26	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	29.39	22.20	26.38	16.71	3.77	1.55
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	3.44	5.31	43.91	35.16	12.05	0.13
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-04-2011</i>	53.70	12.72	7.04	9.37	9.50	7.67

***Intensity:***



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

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