

# U.S. Drought Monitor

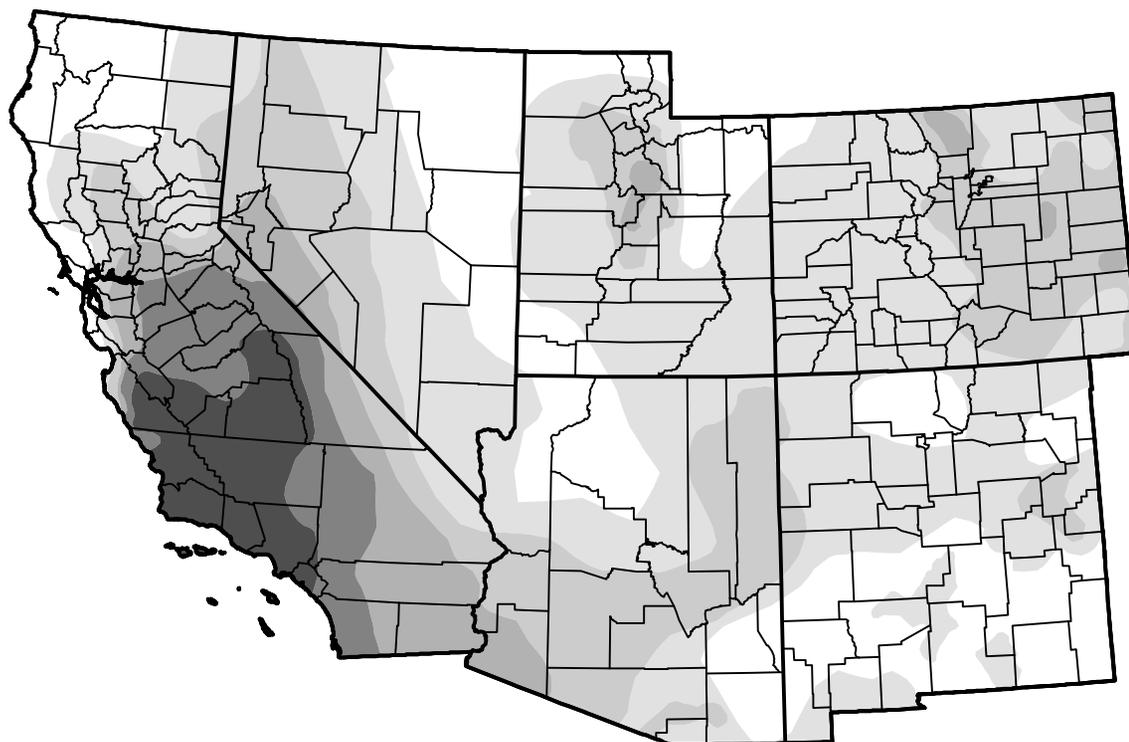
## Southwest

**December 20, 2016**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	23.10	39.71	21.18	6.50	5.00	4.50
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-13-2016</i>	22.99	39.17	21.49	6.55	5.00	4.80
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-20-2016</i>	25.08	39.57	16.53	9.02	5.00	4.80
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-29-2015</i>	31.79	19.72	15.13	12.54	9.10	11.72
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2016</i>	29.25	35.71	16.40	8.84	5.00	4.80
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-22-2015</i>	31.50	20.01	14.43	13.24	9.10	11.72



***Intensity:***



*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>*

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