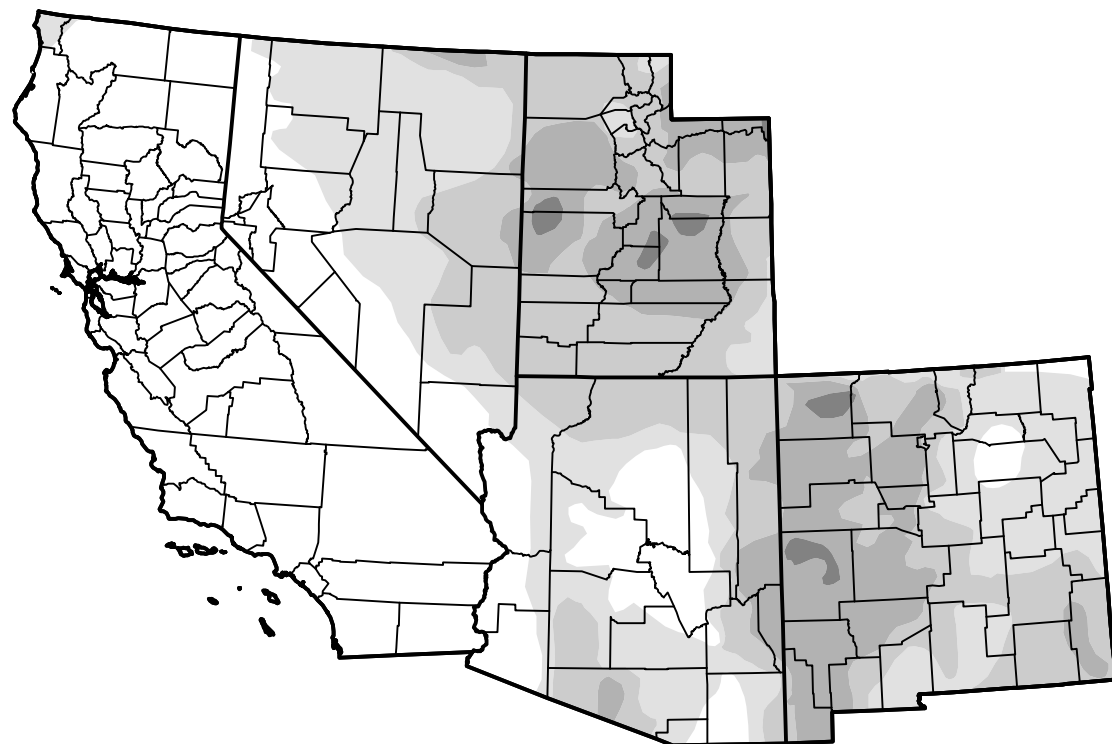


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	39.68	60.32	37.88	15.19	0.90	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-10-2026</i>	39.20	60.80	39.18	15.23	0.78	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-18-2025</i>	27.35	72.65	59.53	33.61	5.38	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-06-2026</i>	42.93	57.07	42.18	20.03	1.24	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2025</i>	11.81	88.19	72.96	49.39	11.73	0.78
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-18-2025</i>	17.58	82.42	63.86	39.92	21.27	0.52

*Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.*

### 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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