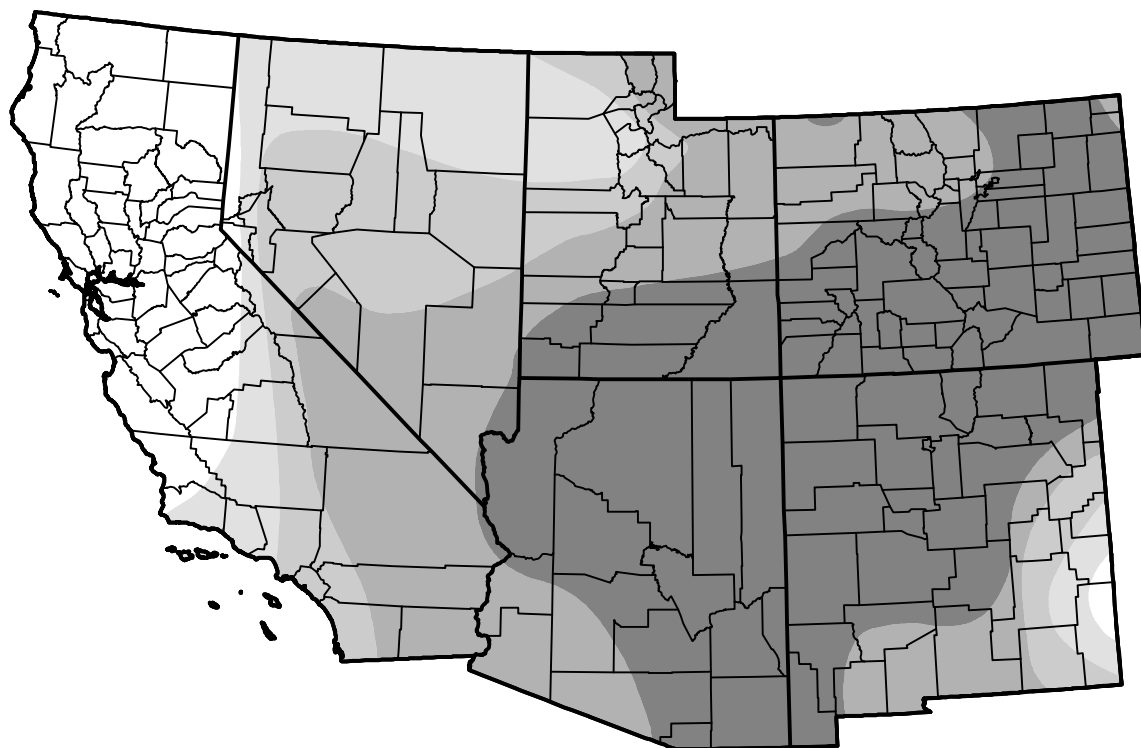


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 12.80 | 10.14 | 12.25 | 23.78 | 41.03 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-14-2002</i>              | 12.70 | 10.13 | 12.14 | 24.35 | 40.68 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-19-2002</i>           | 15.50 | 41.17 | 38.94 | 4.40  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 45.05 | 25.51 | 17.55 | 7.85  | 4.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2001</i>    | 45.89 | 20.76 | 14.23 | 7.71  | 11.41 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-22-2001</i>           | 79.34 | 11.18 | 8.64  | 0.82  | 0.01  | 0.00 |

## Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  None                  |  D2 Severe Drought        |
|  D0 Abnormally Dry    |  D3 Extreme Drought      |
|  D1 Moderate Drought |  D4 Exceptional Drought |

*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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