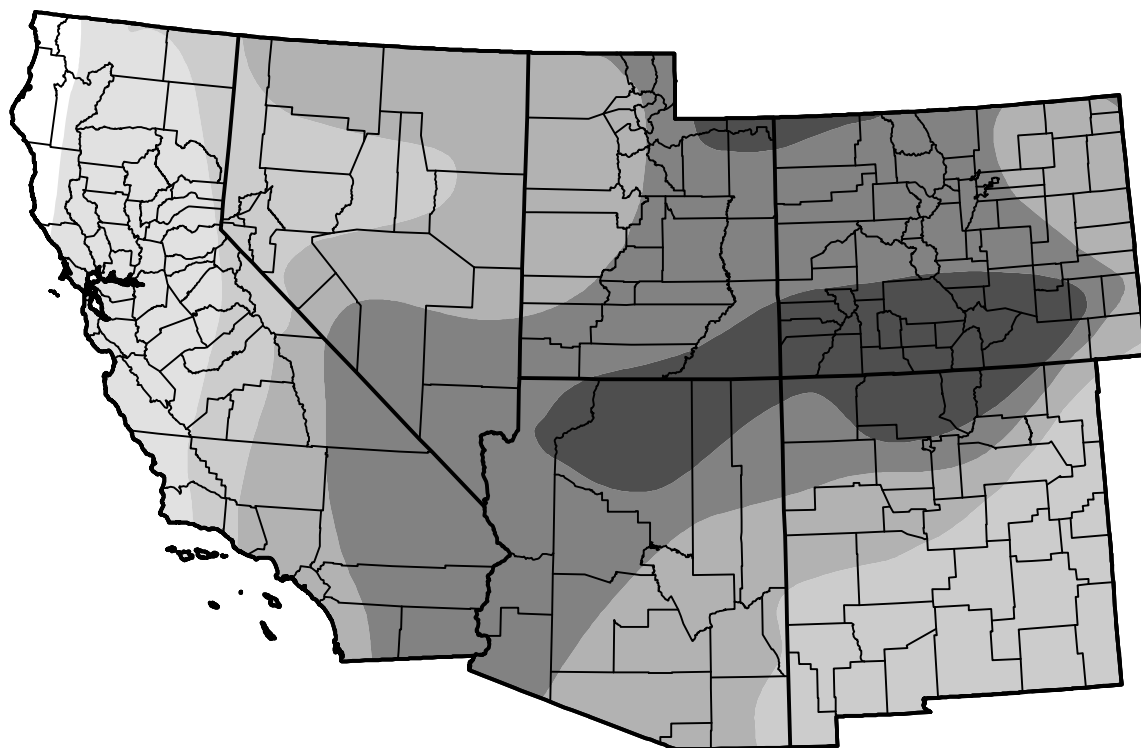


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 1.32  | 8.81  | 18.77 | 28.57 | 31.50 | 11.02 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-10-2002</i>              | 1.16  | 9.11  | 16.18 | 30.01 | 31.91 | 11.62 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-18-2002</i>           | 4.11  | 10.31 | 17.13 | 21.35 | 37.49 | 9.61  |
| <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>09-18-2001</i>           | 45.49 | 21.16 | 14.23 | 7.71  | 11.41 | 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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