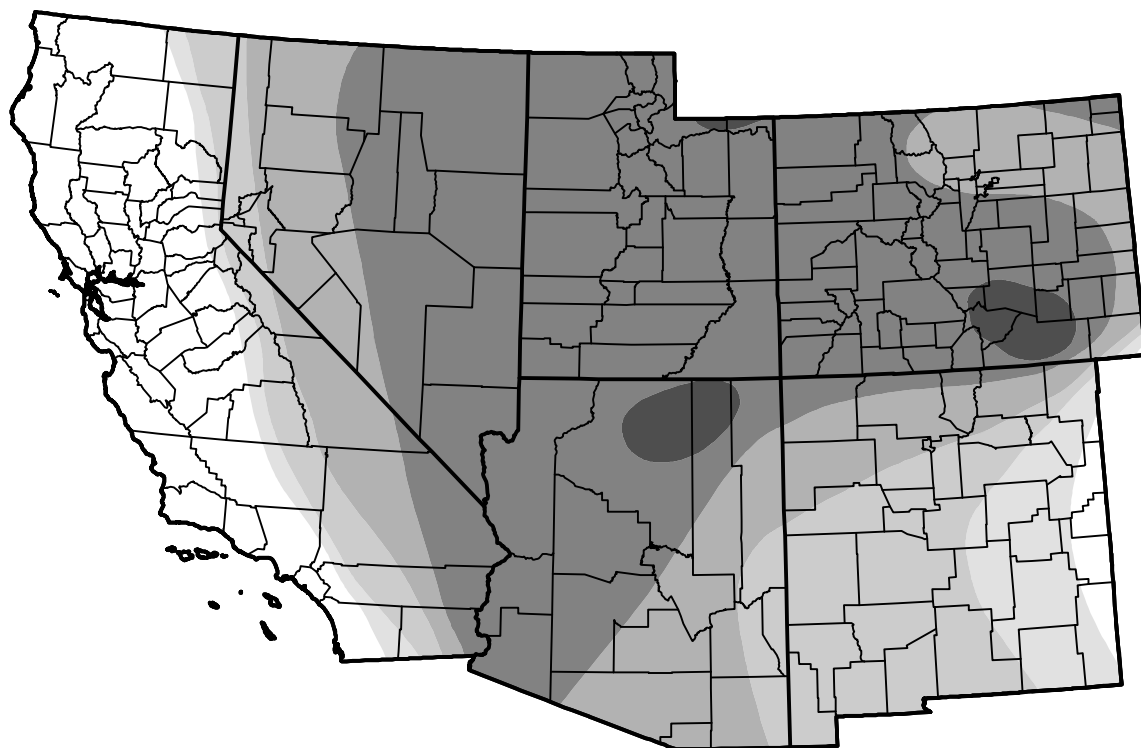


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southwest

**February 18, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 14.25 | 85.75 | 79.85 | 66.00 | 46.69 | 2.30 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-11-2003</i>              | 11.04 | 88.96 | 80.68 | 67.72 | 49.00 | 3.16 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-19-2002</i>           | 1.27  | 98.73 | 80.86 | 54.21 | 30.37 | 3.09 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 14.98 | 85.02 | 78.64 | 64.91 | 29.60 | 3.10 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 1.40  | 98.60 | 88.79 | 67.17 | 39.95 | 7.67 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-19-2002</i>           | 15.50 | 84.50 | 43.34 | 4.40  | 0.00  | 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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