

U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.49	8.07	19.43	20.40	34.59	0.02
Last Week <i>02-27-2003</i>	16.91	7.53	17.21	17.52	39.36	1.46
3 Months Ago <i>12-05-2002</i>	2.54	21.06	30.68	24.25	19.33	2.13
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>03-07-2002</i>	15.51	47.28	32.70	4.51	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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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