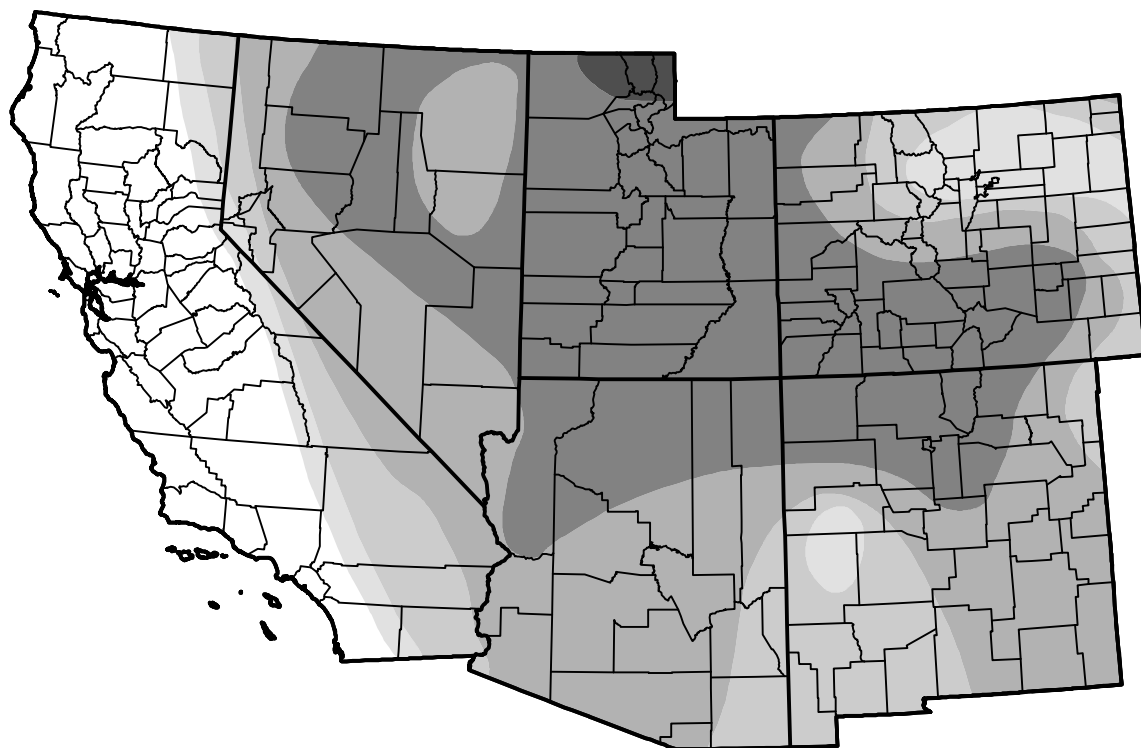


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.63	85.37	79.35	65.52	34.95	0.64
Last Week <i>05-13-2003</i>	14.55	85.45	82.17	58.34	35.41	0.65
3 Months Ago <i>02-18-2003</i>	14.25	85.75	79.85	66.00	46.69	2.30
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	14.98	85.02	78.64	64.91	29.60	3.10
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	1.40	98.60	88.79	67.17	39.95	7.67
One Year Ago <i>05-21-2002</i>	12.80	87.20	77.06	64.81	41.03	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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