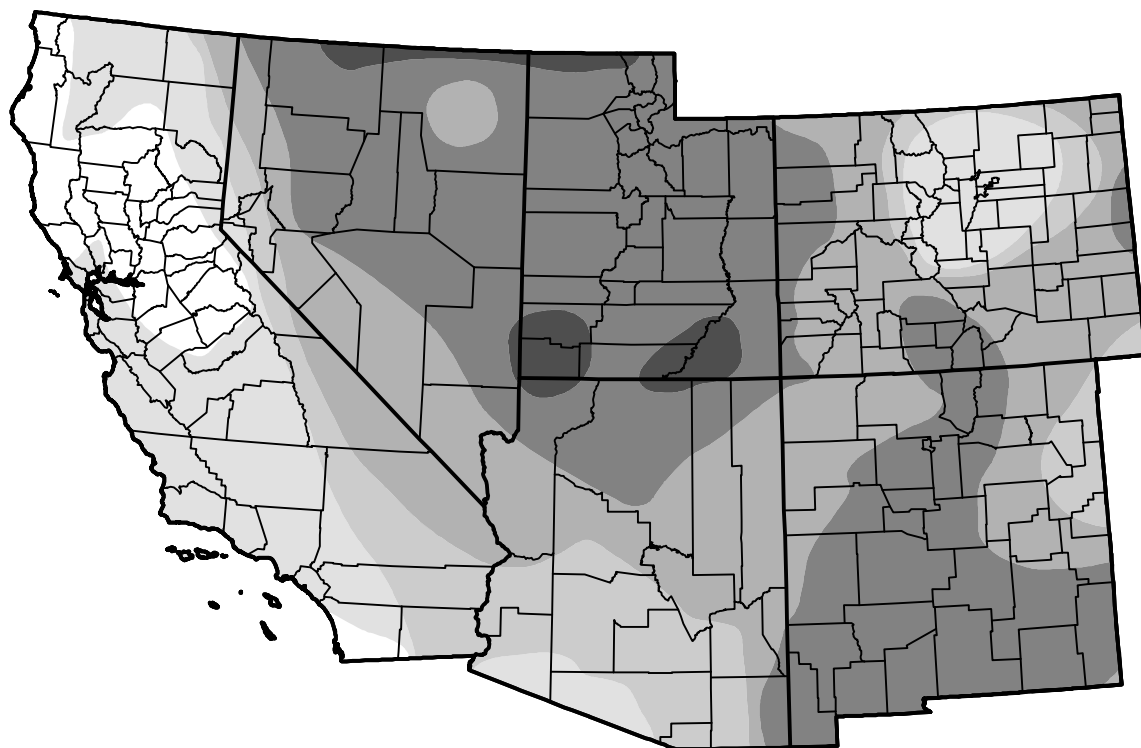


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.11	15.02	12.03	26.78	37.47	2.60
Last Week <i>10-14-2003</i>	6.44	15.88	11.37	24.59	38.92	2.79
3 Months Ago <i>07-22-2003</i>	14.36	5.57	13.52	24.08	38.87	3.60
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	14.98	6.37	13.73	35.31	26.51	3.10
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	15.51	6.66	12.05	25.42	37.34	3.02
One Year Ago <i>10-22-2002</i>	0.00	6.54	31.34	25.95	32.40	3.77

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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