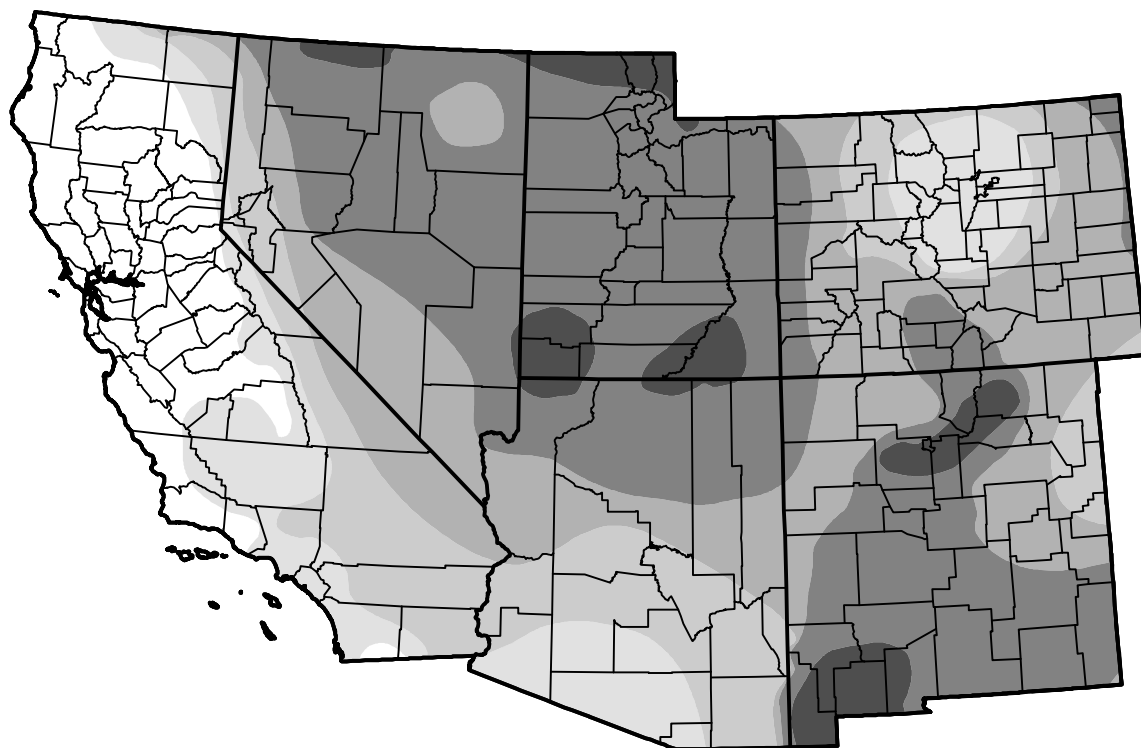


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 10.83 | 89.17 | 78.28 | 63.70 | 41.11 | 5.28 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-02-2003</i>              | 9.98  | 90.02 | 77.90 | 62.99 | 41.31 | 5.36 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-09-2003</i>           | 15.02 | 84.98 | 80.21 | 67.22 | 41.08 | 3.24 |
| <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>09-30-2003</i>    | 15.51 | 84.49 | 77.83 | 65.78 | 40.36 | 3.02 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-10-2002</i>           | 1.21  | 98.79 | 84.92 | 67.82 | 29.47 | 3.03 |

## 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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