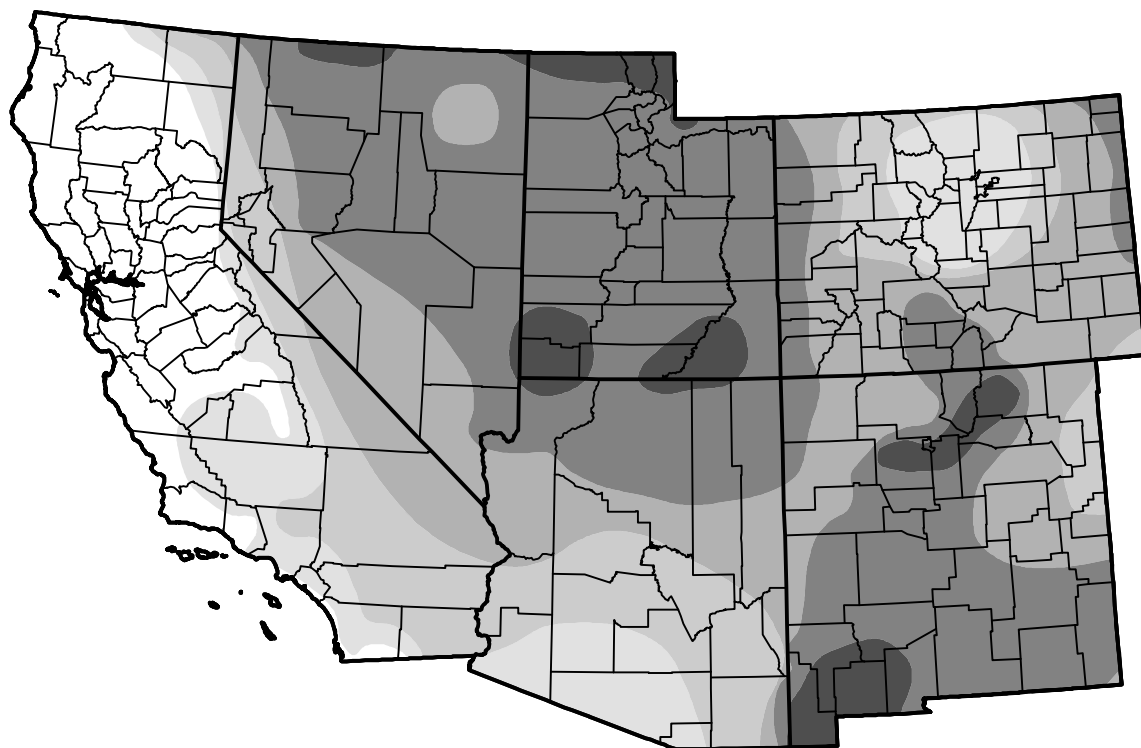


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.16	10.26	14.03	22.74	36.45	5.37
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	10.83	10.89	14.58	22.60	35.82	5.28
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	15.34	5.24	12.19	26.51	37.76	2.96
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>12-17-2002</i>	10.82	8.11	14.20	37.05	26.76	3.06

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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