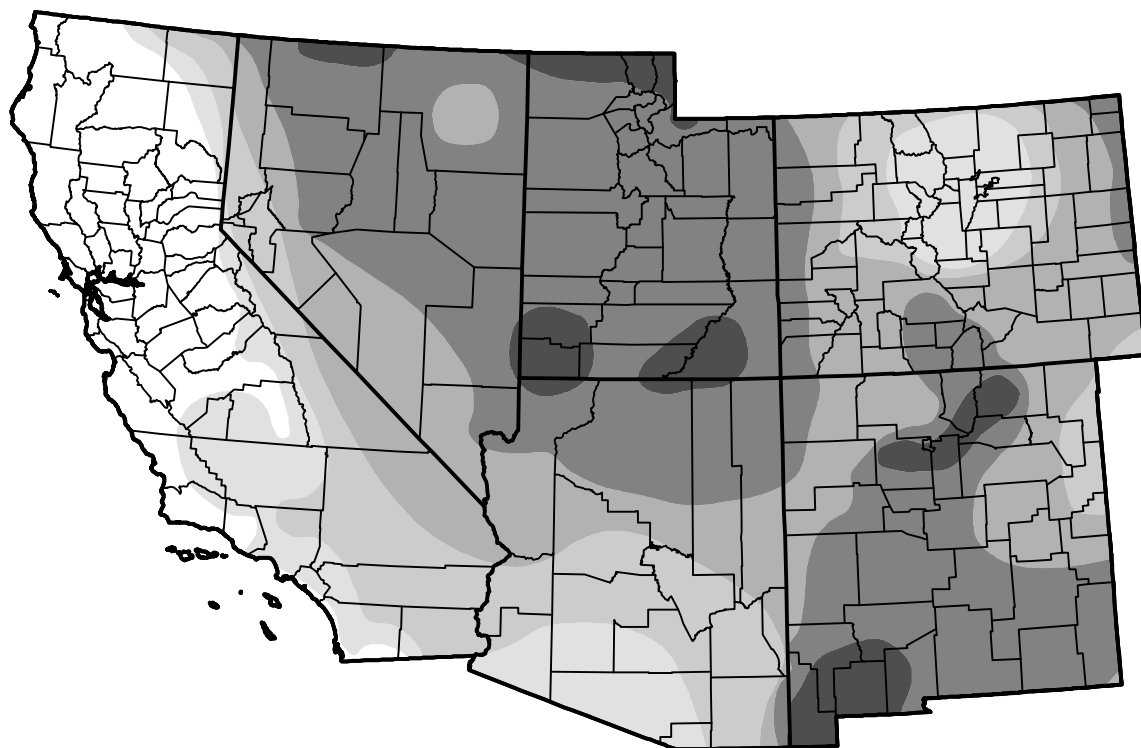


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southwest

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.16	88.84	78.58	64.56	41.82	5.37
Last Week <i>12-09-2003</i>	10.83	89.17	78.28	63.70	41.11	5.28
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2003</i>	15.34	84.66	79.42	67.23	40.72	2.96
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>09-30-2003</i>	15.51	84.49	77.83	65.78	40.36	3.02
One Year Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	10.82	89.18	81.07	66.87	29.82	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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