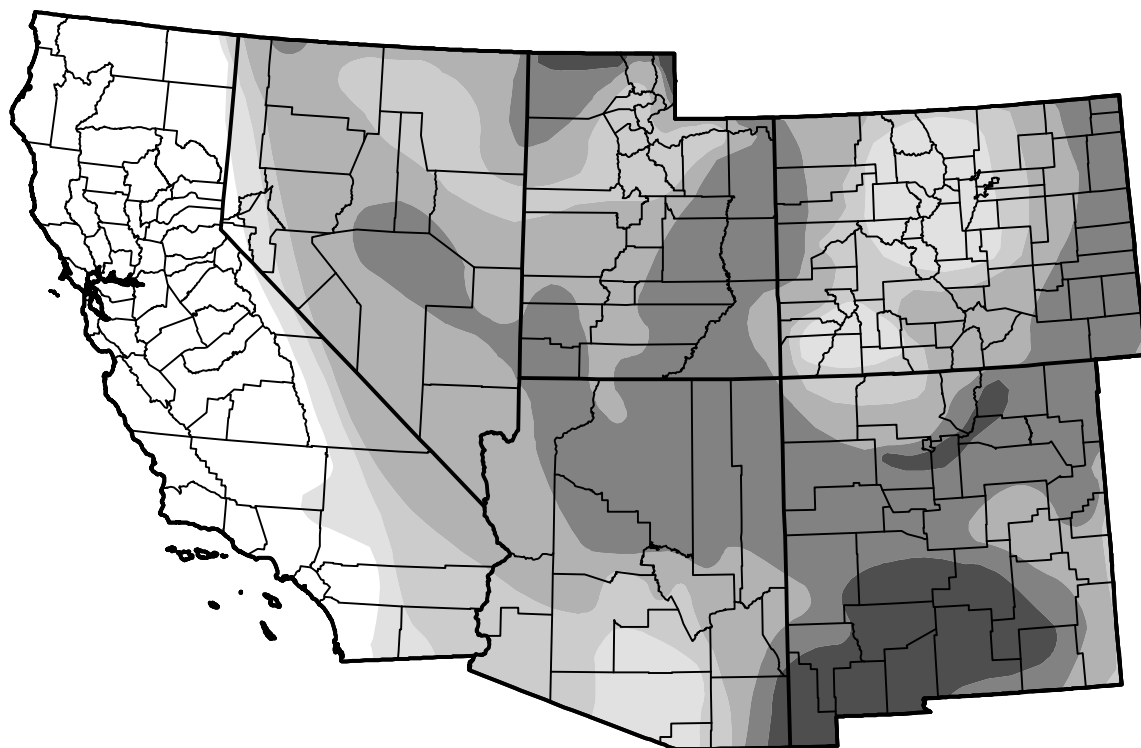


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.09	82.91	74.86	61.24	32.84	5.85
Last Week <i>03-09-2004</i>	17.09	82.91	74.86	61.33	32.86	5.85
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2003</i>	11.16	88.84	78.58	64.56	41.82	5.37
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	15.48	84.52	75.05	66.28	36.72	6.84
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>03-18-2003</i>	11.75	88.25	79.22	59.55	38.77	1.12

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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