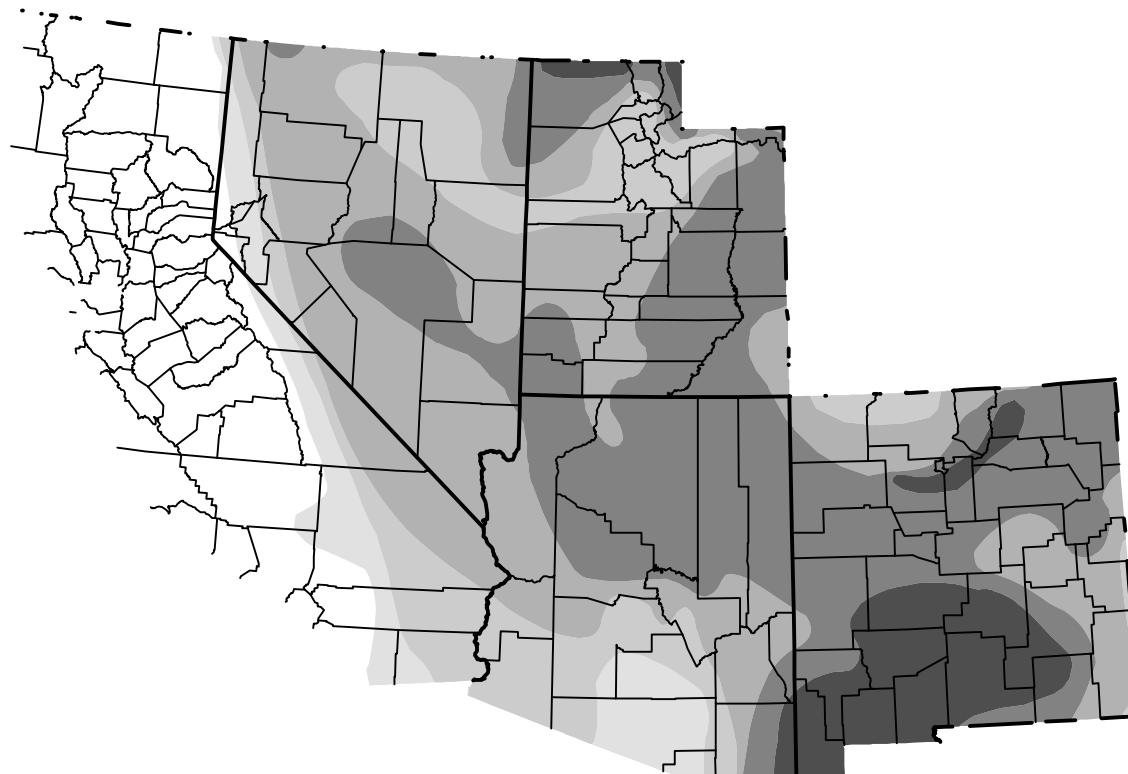


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	20.96	5.11	12.47	27.07	27.57	6.81
Last Week <i>03-18-2004</i>	20.96	5.11	12.47	27.78	26.86	6.81
3 Months Ago <i>12-24-2003</i>	13.29	8.23	13.12	18.86	38.22	8.28
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago <i>03-27-2003</i>	13.87	11.10	22.79	19.98	32.20	0.06

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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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