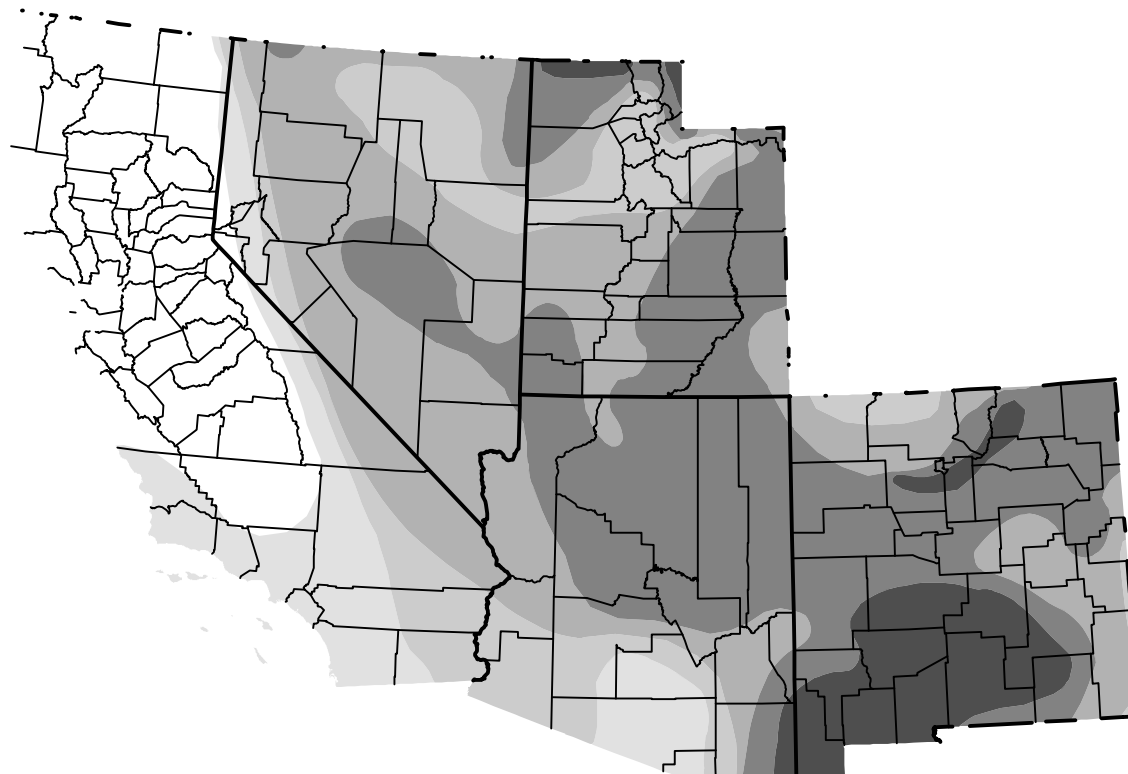


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.74	8.34	11.88	26.30	28.94	6.81
Last Week 03-25-2004	20.96	5.11	12.47	27.07	27.57	6.81
3 Months Ago 12-31-2003	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2003	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
One Year Ago 04-03-2003	10.63	14.30	22.83	19.57	32.67	0.00

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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