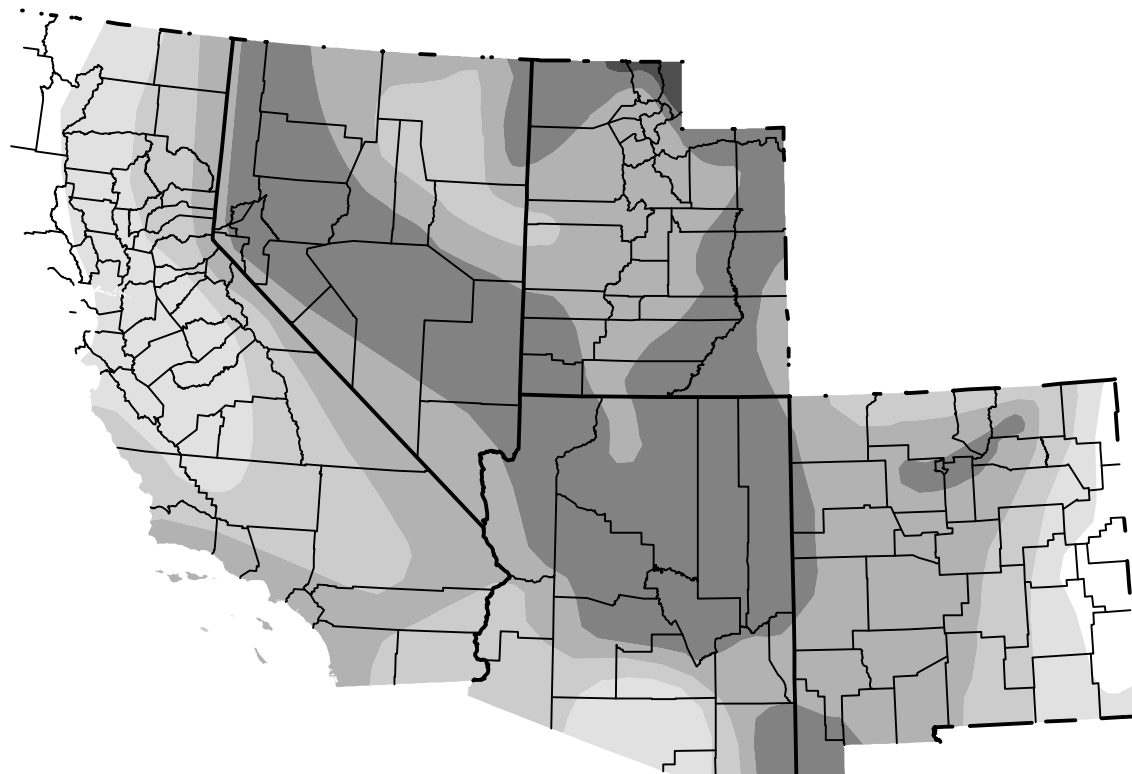


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.99	94.01	81.90	63.77	29.69	0.28
Last Week <i>08-05-2004</i>	6.52	93.48	79.87	62.04	26.71	0.28
3 Months Ago <i>05-13-2004</i>	5.82	94.18	77.08	54.63	22.06	0.30
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago <i>08-14-2003</i>	17.39	82.61	79.36	67.21	41.36	4.23

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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