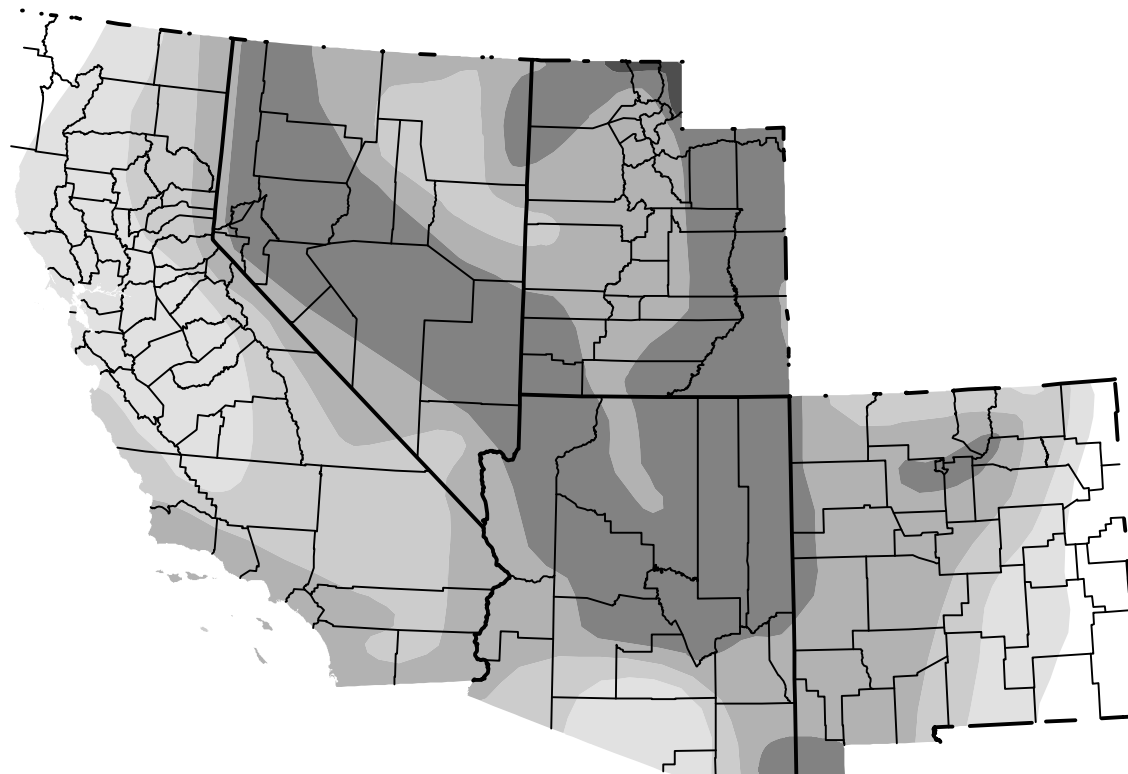


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.79	94.21	80.36	61.83	30.31	0.23
Last Week <i>08-26-2004</i>	7.37	92.63	80.17	61.65	30.31	0.23
3 Months Ago <i>06-03-2004</i>	5.94	94.06	78.23	55.13	26.07	0.28
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>09-04-2003</i>	17.76	82.24	81.09	69.64	41.74	3.80

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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