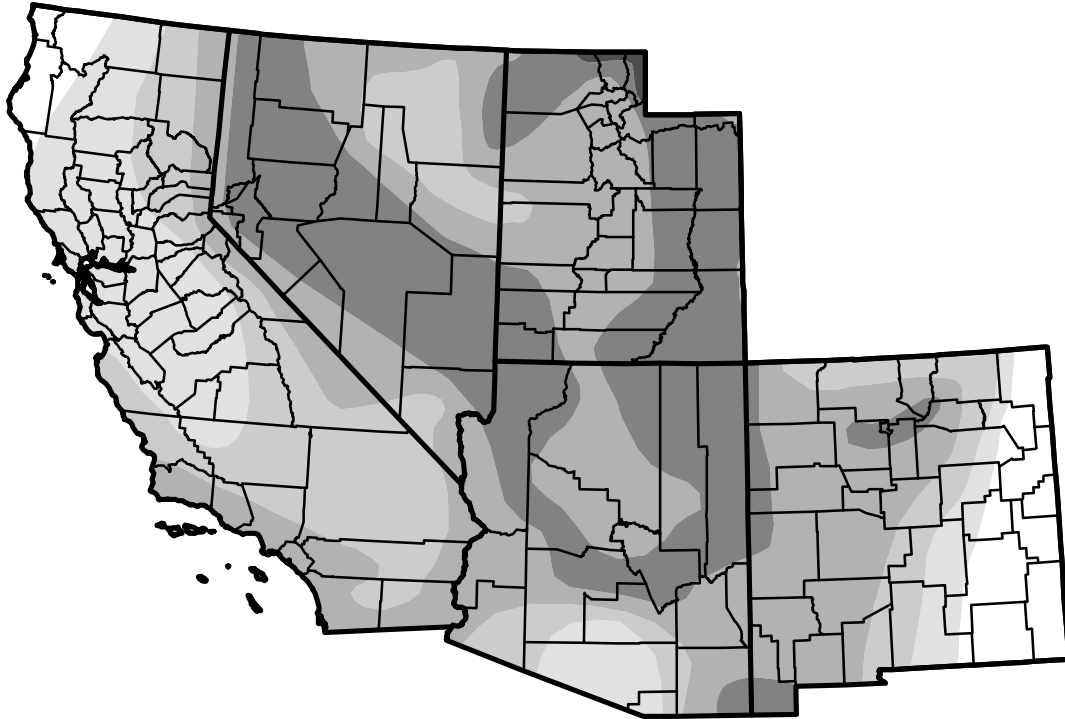


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	6.75	12.63	19.08	34.45	26.88	0.21
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	5.70	14.09	18.67	34.45	26.88	0.21
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-06-2004</i>	5.02	13.38	25.26	30.57	25.48	0.28
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2003</i>	18.59	7.18	8.28	26.92	31.07	7.96
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-28-2004</i>	5.70	14.09	18.67	34.45	26.88	0.21
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-07-2003</i>	18.18	4.00	10.67	24.11	39.77	3.27

***Intensity:***

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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