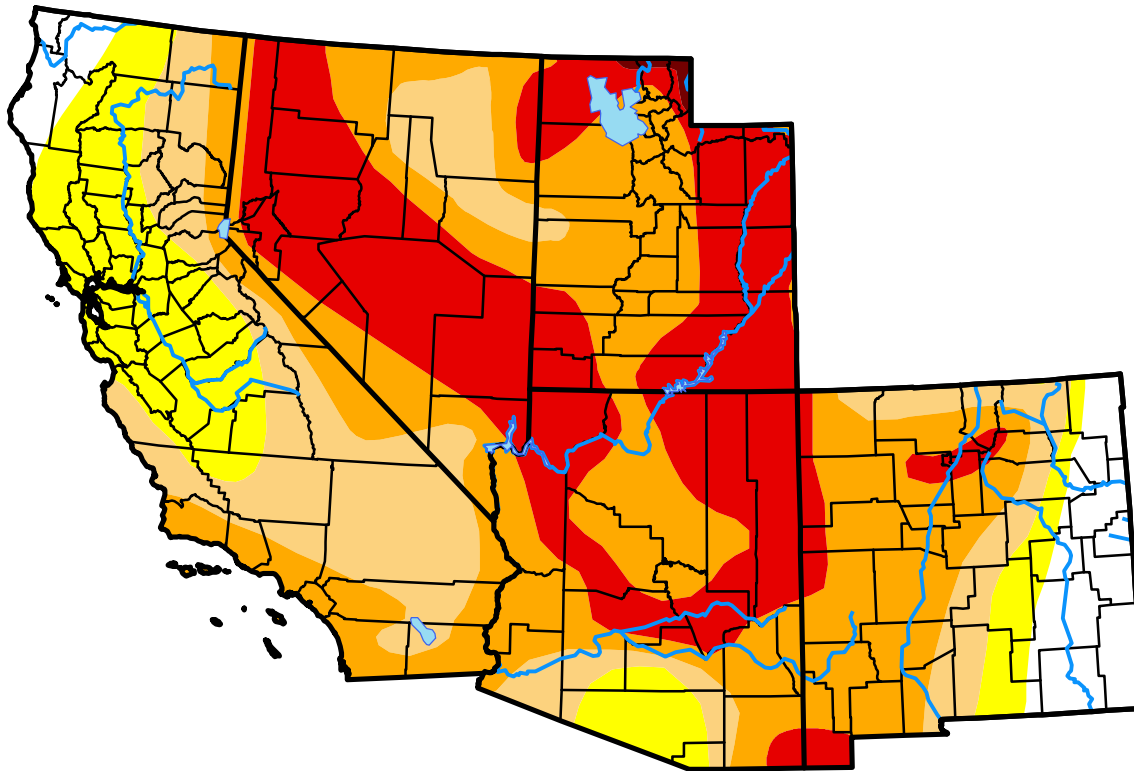


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	6.19	93.81	81.09	62.21	27.39	0.22
Last Week <i>09-28-2004</i>	5.12	94.88	81.09	62.21	27.39	0.22
3 Months Ago <i>07-06-2004</i>	3.98	96.02	82.49	56.95	26.04	0.28
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	18.22	81.78	74.65	66.68	39.46	8.05
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	5.12	94.88	81.09	62.21	27.39	0.22
One Year Ago <i>10-07-2003</i>	17.96	82.04	78.04	67.48	43.51	3.30

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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