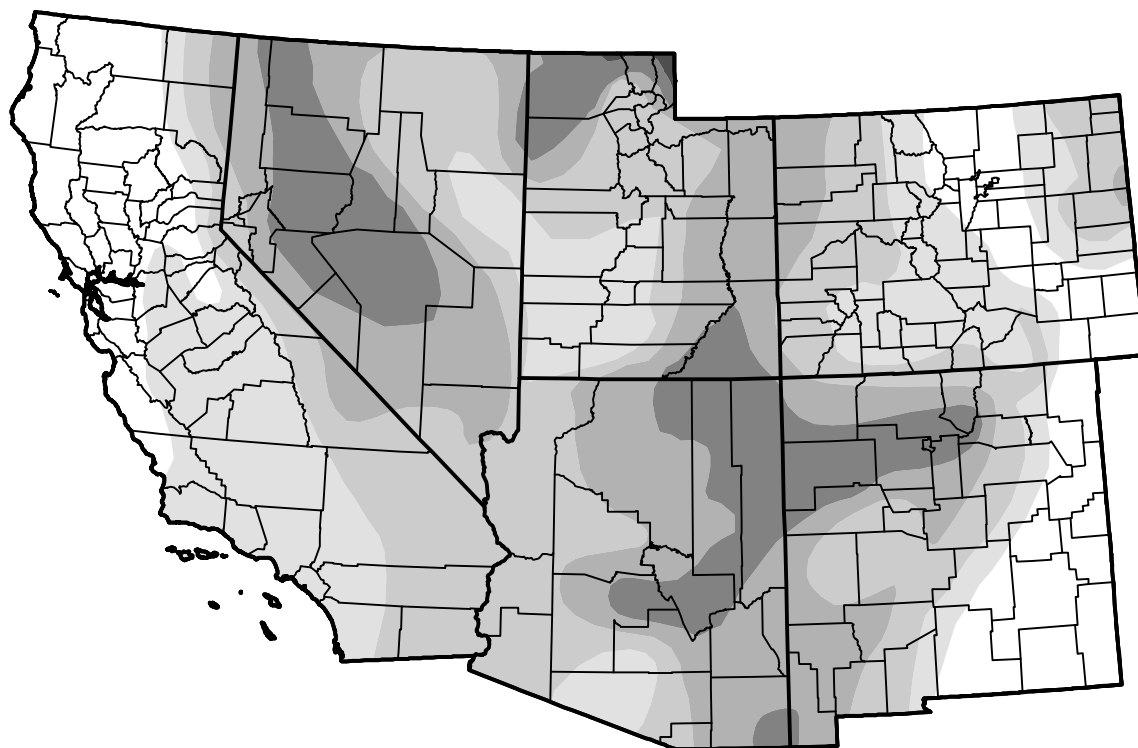


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	16.31	83.69	63.41	35.32	12.52	0.09
Last Week <i>12-07-2004</i>	15.03	84.97	63.63	35.96	12.55	0.09
3 Months Ago <i>09-14-2004</i>	6.31	93.69	77.61	55.25	26.50	0.18
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2003</i>	15.48	84.52	75.05	66.28	36.72	6.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2004</i>	7.43	92.57	77.08	55.25	24.06	0.18
One Year Ago <i>12-16-2003</i>	11.16	88.84	78.58	64.56	41.82	5.37

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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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