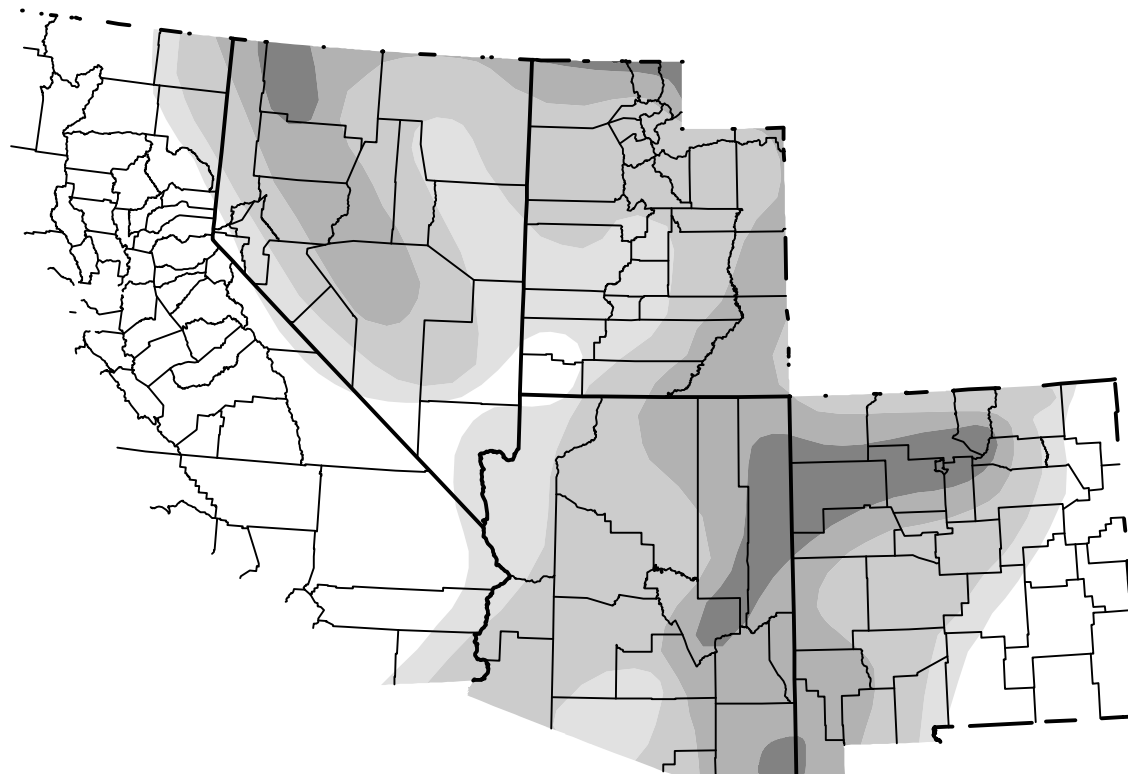


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	32.74	14.92	29.16	17.76	5.42	0.00
Last Week <i>01-20-2005</i>	32.86	14.80	29.16	17.76	5.42	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-28-2004</i>	10.71	15.18	22.09	29.99	21.92	0.11
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	25.51	15.17	26.52	21.06	11.64	0.11
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2004</i>	5.68	14.09	18.68	34.46	26.89	0.21
One Year Ago <i>01-29-2004</i>	18.95	8.52	7.41	25.03	30.29	9.80

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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