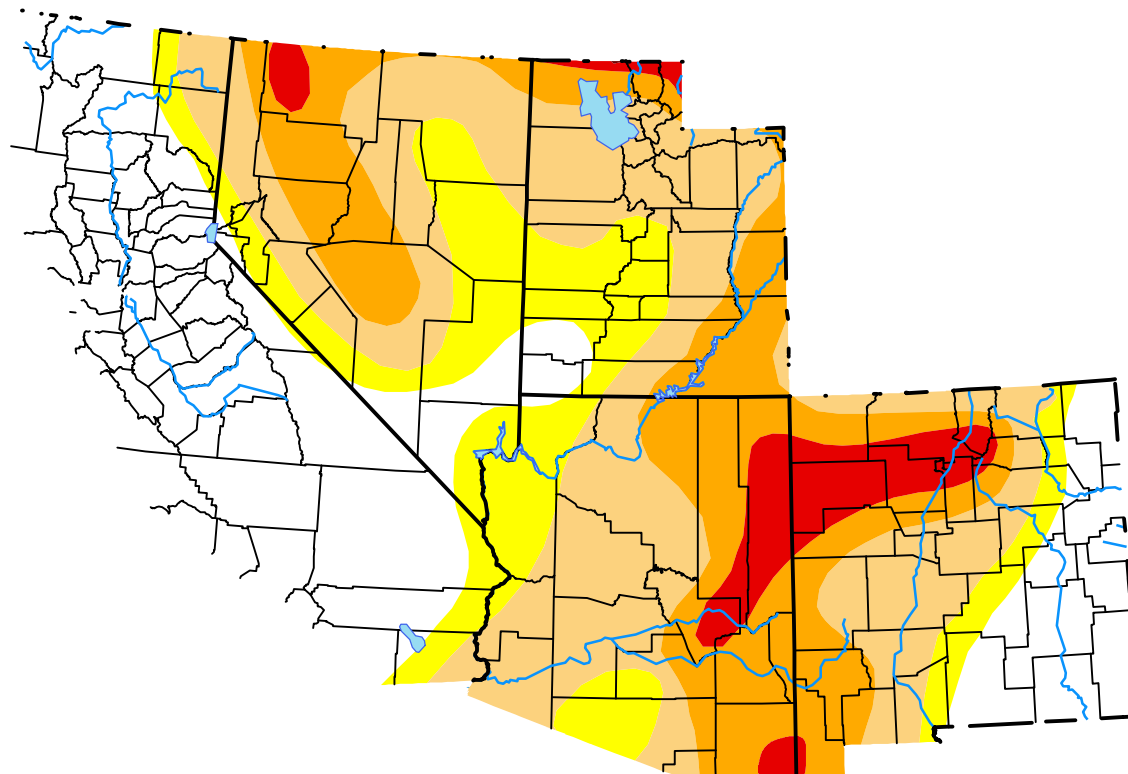


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**February 1, 2005**  
*(Released Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 33.61 | 15.27 | 28.24 | 17.75 | 5.13  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-27-2005</i>              | 32.74 | 14.92 | 29.16 | 17.76 | 5.42  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-04-2004</i>           | 10.66 | 17.67 | 19.66 | 29.94 | 21.96 | 0.11 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2005</i> | 25.51 | 15.17 | 26.52 | 21.06 | 11.64 | 0.11 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2004</i>    | 5.68  | 14.09 | 18.68 | 34.46 | 26.89 | 0.21 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-05-2004</i>           | 18.95 | 8.11  | 6.52  | 26.37 | 30.22 | 9.82 |

### 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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