

# 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>                                     | 37.01 | 25.18 | 25.29 | 9.47  | 3.04  | 0.01 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-10-2005</i>              | 35.55 | 15.56 | 30.24 | 14.38 | 4.26  | 0.01 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-18-2004</i>           | 13.44 | 15.10 | 26.11 | 24.89 | 20.35 | 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>02-19-2004</i>           | 19.03 | 8.06  | 6.51  | 27.40 | 29.17 | 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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