

U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	42.28	24.92	23.08	8.48	1.25	0.01
Last Week <i>03-03-2005</i>	41.59	25.63	23.05	8.48	1.25	0.01
3 Months Ago <i>12-09-2004</i>	14.20	18.64	26.77	25.78	14.51	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>03-11-2004</i>	20.96	5.11	12.37	27.86	26.88	6.81

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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