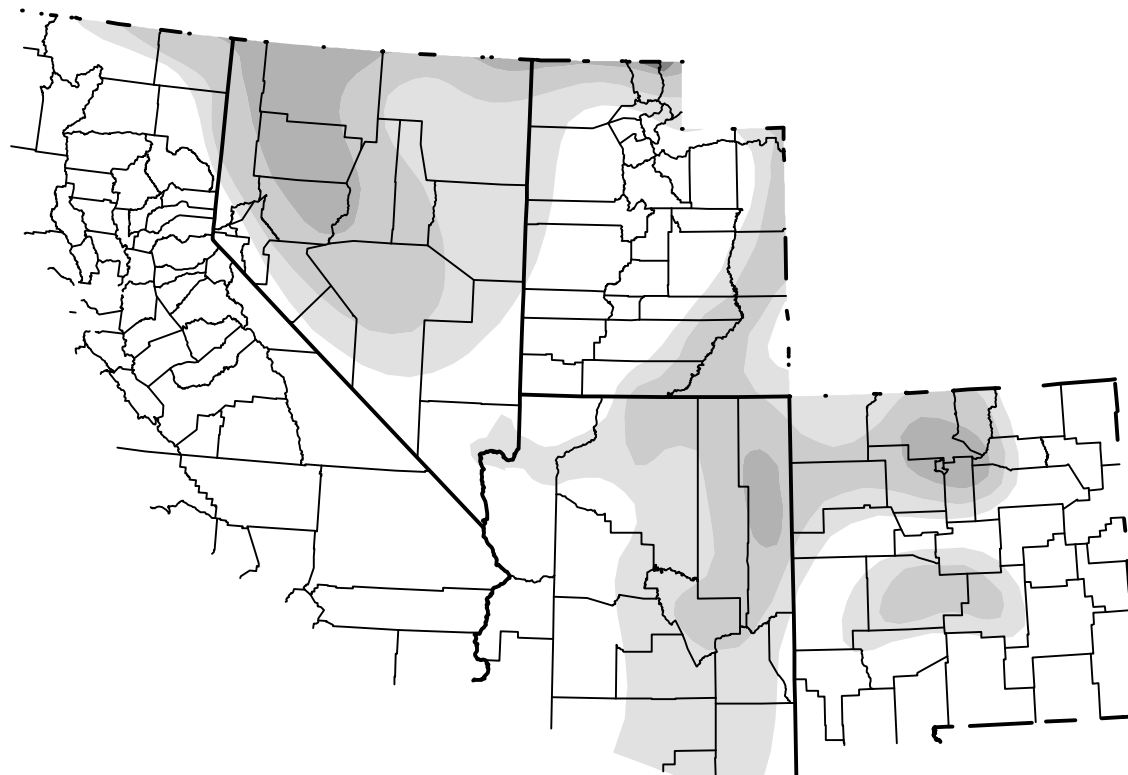


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	58.58	20.49	16.21	4.68	0.03	0.00
Last Week <i>04-07-2005</i>	48.39	23.36	21.10	6.74	0.41	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>01-13-2005</i>	29.61	17.74	28.27	17.98	6.32	0.08
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>04-15-2004</i>	9.51	19.63	17.64	31.27	21.66	0.28

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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