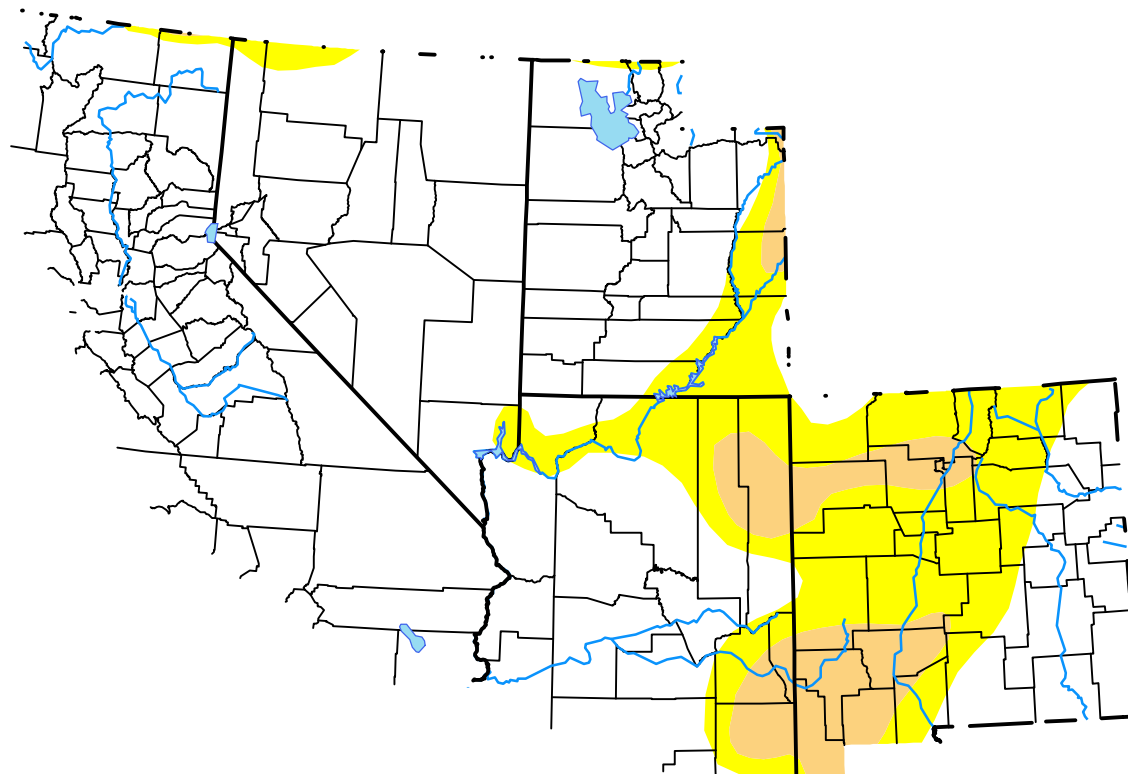


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	75.89	17.30	6.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>09-15-2005</i>	75.57	17.57	6.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>06-23-2005</i>	77.35	14.87	7.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
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>09-23-2004</i>	5.21	14.35	18.88	34.46	26.89	0.21

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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