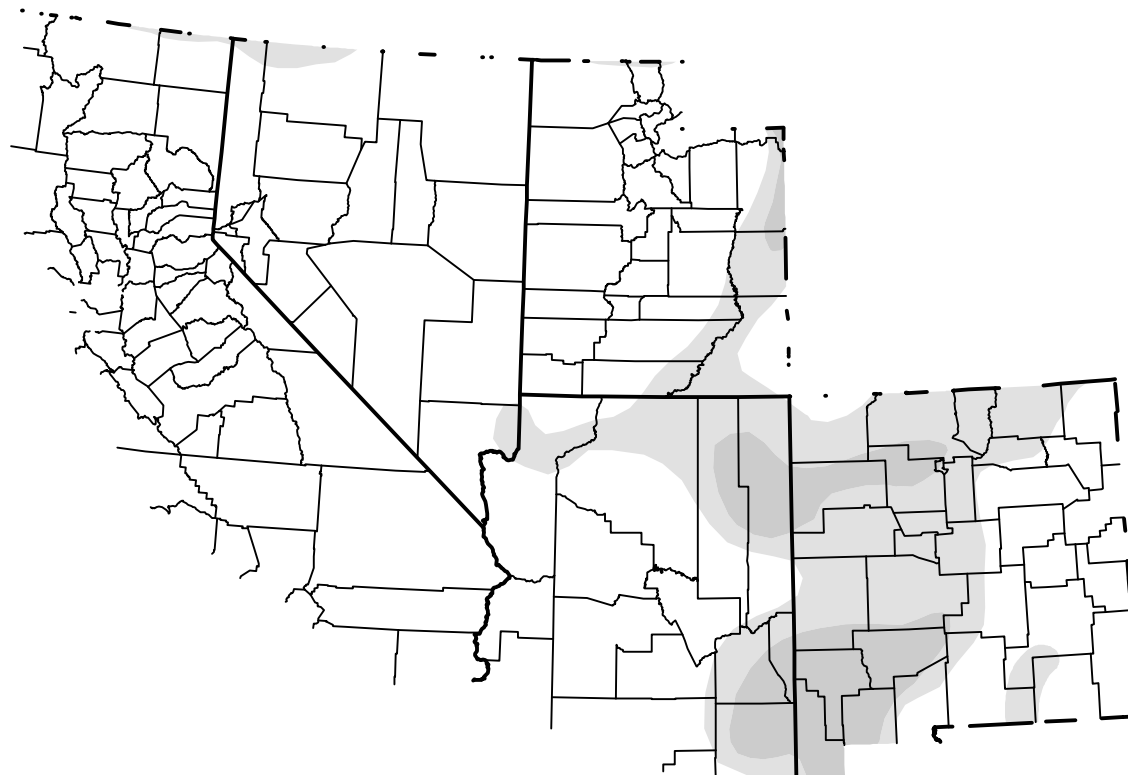


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	77.89	22.11	6.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 09-29-2005	76.22	23.78	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 07-07-2005	70.42	29.58	7.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2005	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
Start of Water Year 09-29-2005	76.22	23.78	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10-07-2004	6.73	93.27	80.63	61.56	27.10	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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