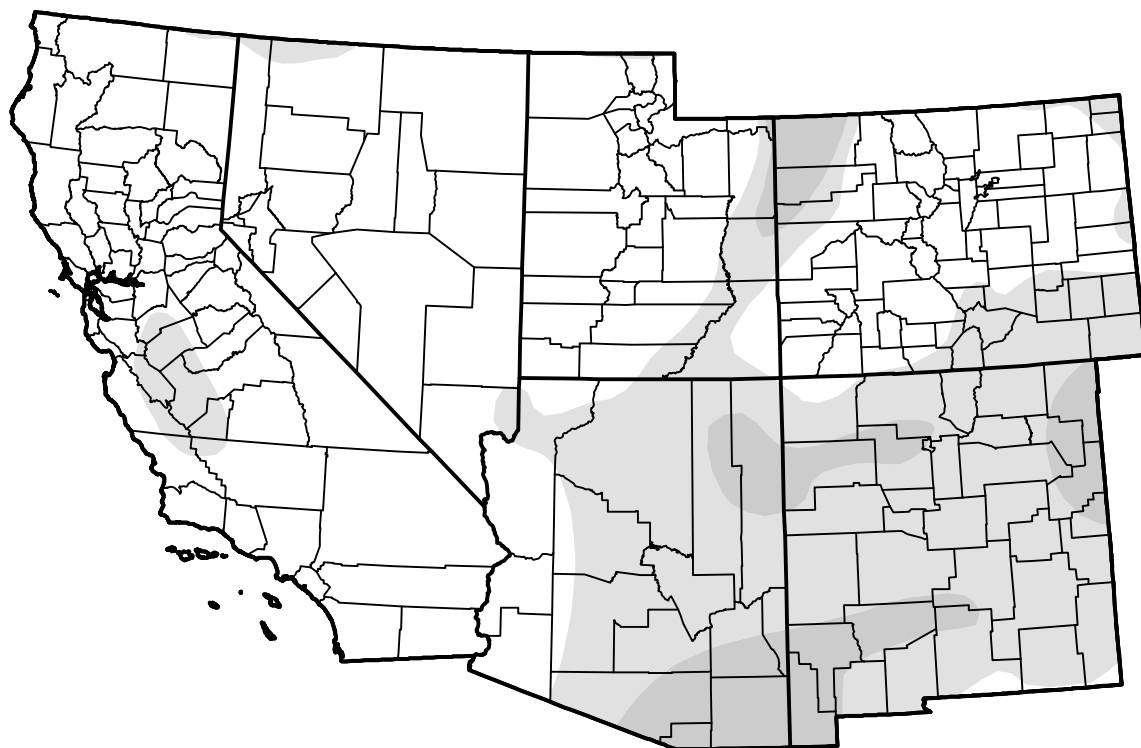


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	61.51	38.49	8.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2005</i>	60.67	39.33	8.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2005</i>	72.40	27.60	7.08	0.16	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	24.71	75.29	56.86	29.43	10.09	0.09
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	72.54	27.46	7.02	0.16	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2004</i>	16.31	83.69	63.31	35.21	12.50	0.09

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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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