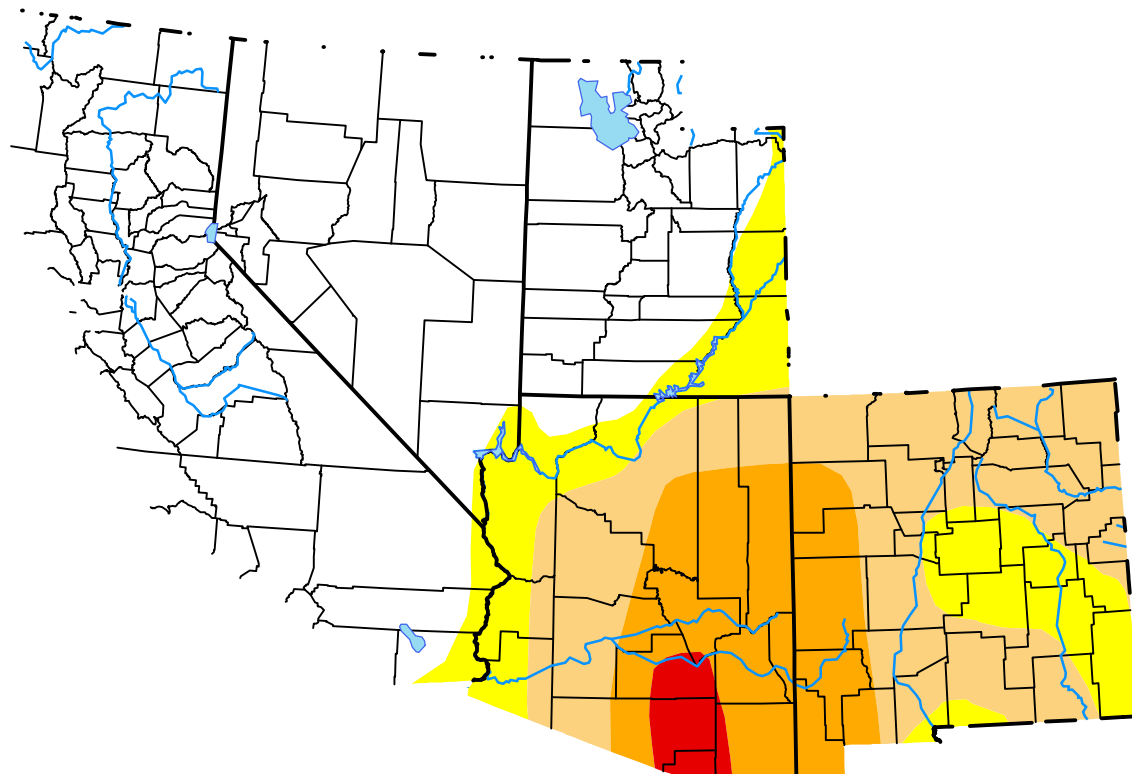


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	56.66	12.46	18.28	11.09	1.50	0.00
Last Week <i>01-26-2006</i>	56.50	19.05	14.59	9.86	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-03-2005</i>	68.96	25.32	5.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	76.22	16.98	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-03-2005</i>	33.61	15.27	28.24	17.75	5.13	0.00

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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