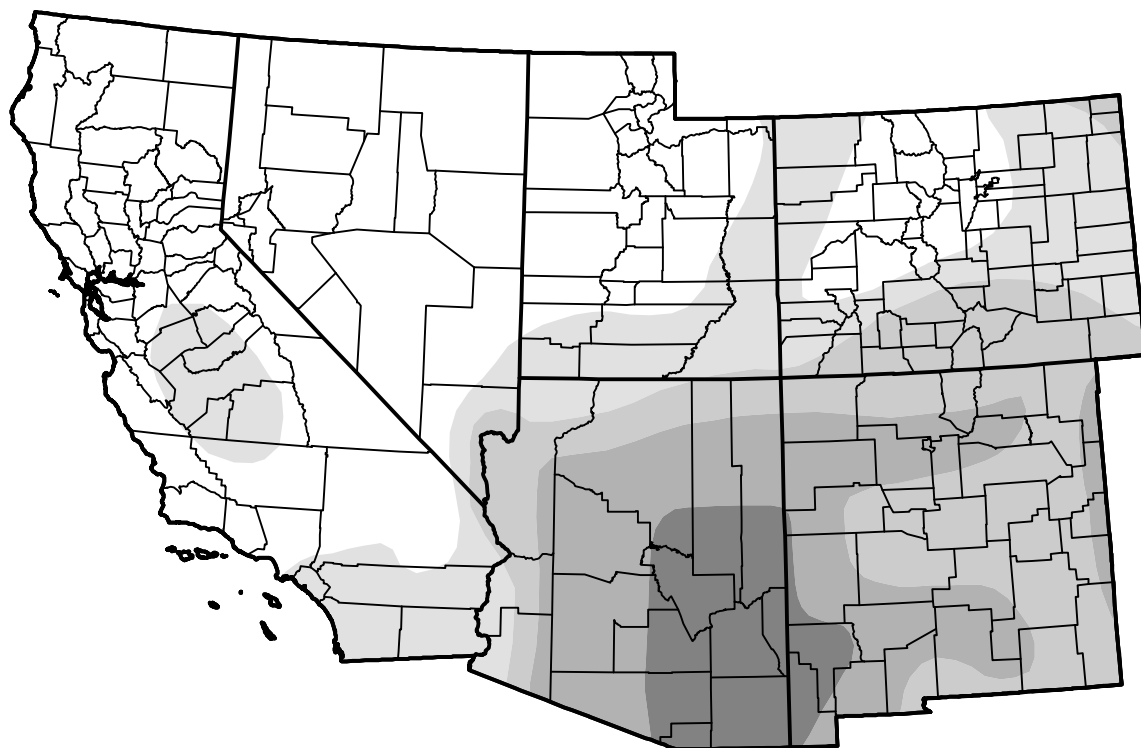


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	44.92	18.17	16.37	14.12	6.43	0.00
Last Week <i>02-21-2006</i>	47.87	16.38	15.68	13.64	6.43	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-29-2005</i>	61.99	31.32	6.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.97	30.48	11.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	72.54	20.44	6.87	0.16	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-01-2005</i>	38.26	30.46	21.87	8.33	1.07	0.01

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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