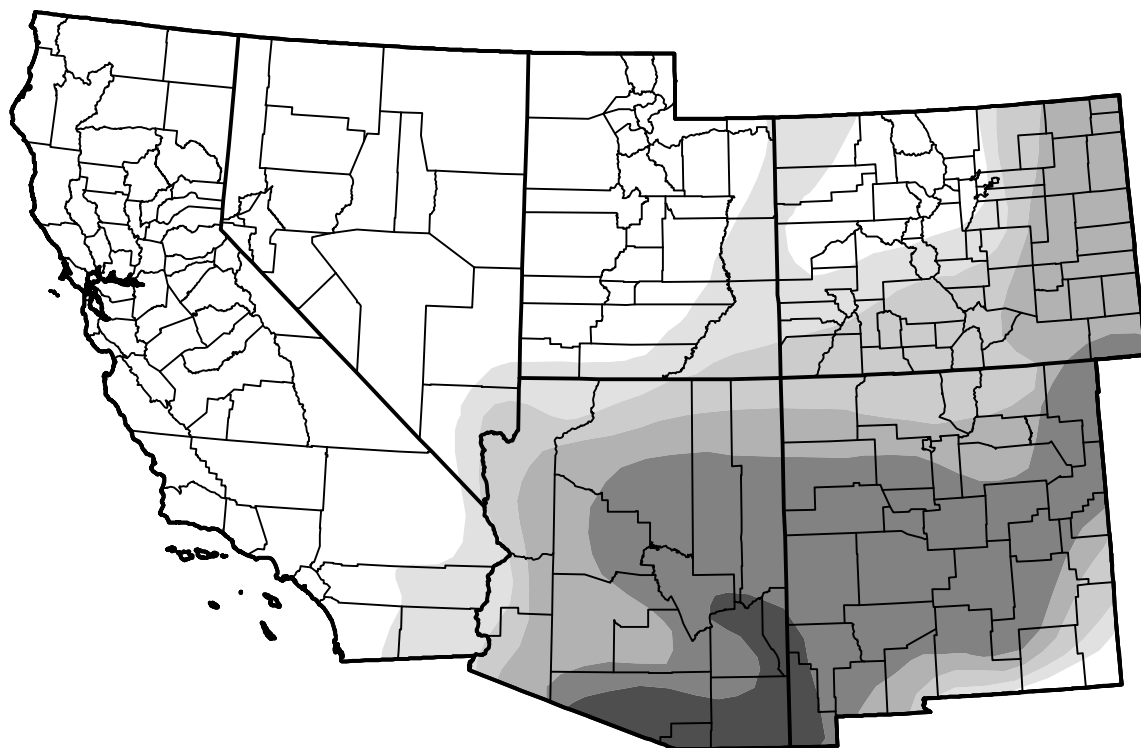


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	49.59	9.32	9.27	12.51	16.43	2.88
Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i>	49.59	9.68	9.66	11.87	16.65	2.54
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i>	49.07	16.03	18.53	9.94	6.43	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>05-17-2005</i>	75.91	17.27	6.63	0.19	0.00	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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