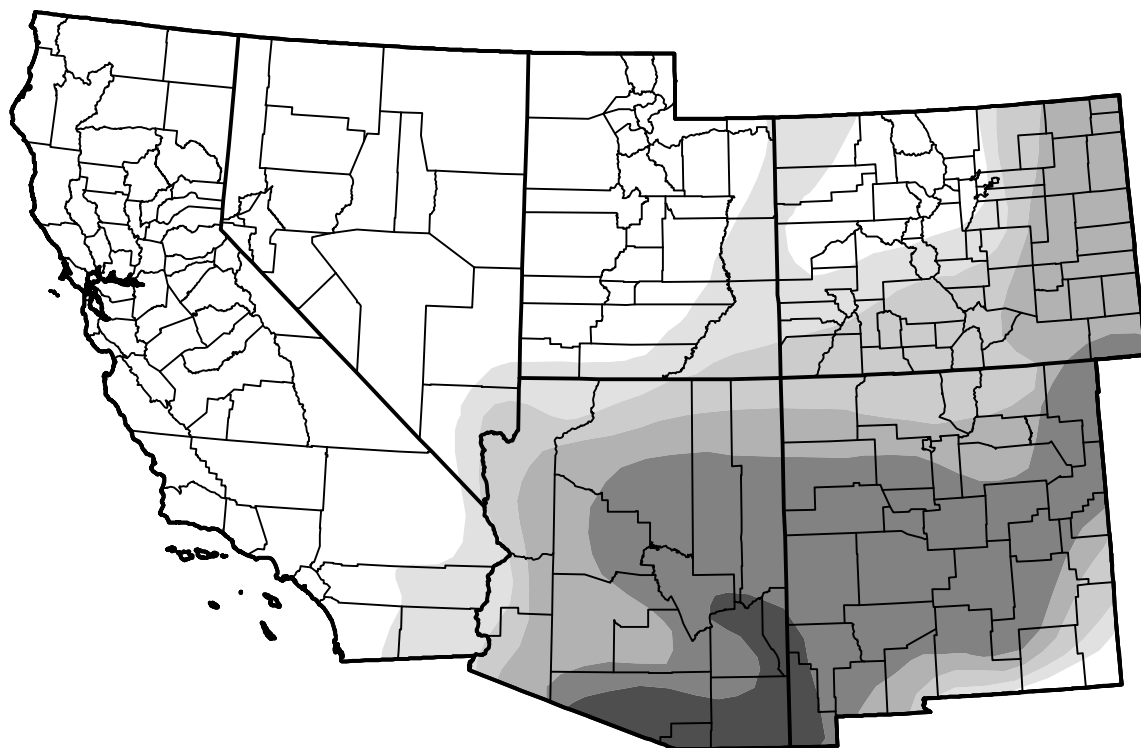


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	49.59	50.41	41.09	31.82	19.31	2.88
Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i>	49.59	50.41	40.73	31.07	19.19	2.54
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i>	49.07	50.93	34.90	16.37	6.43	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.97	42.03	11.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
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>05-17-2005</i>	75.91	24.09	6.82	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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