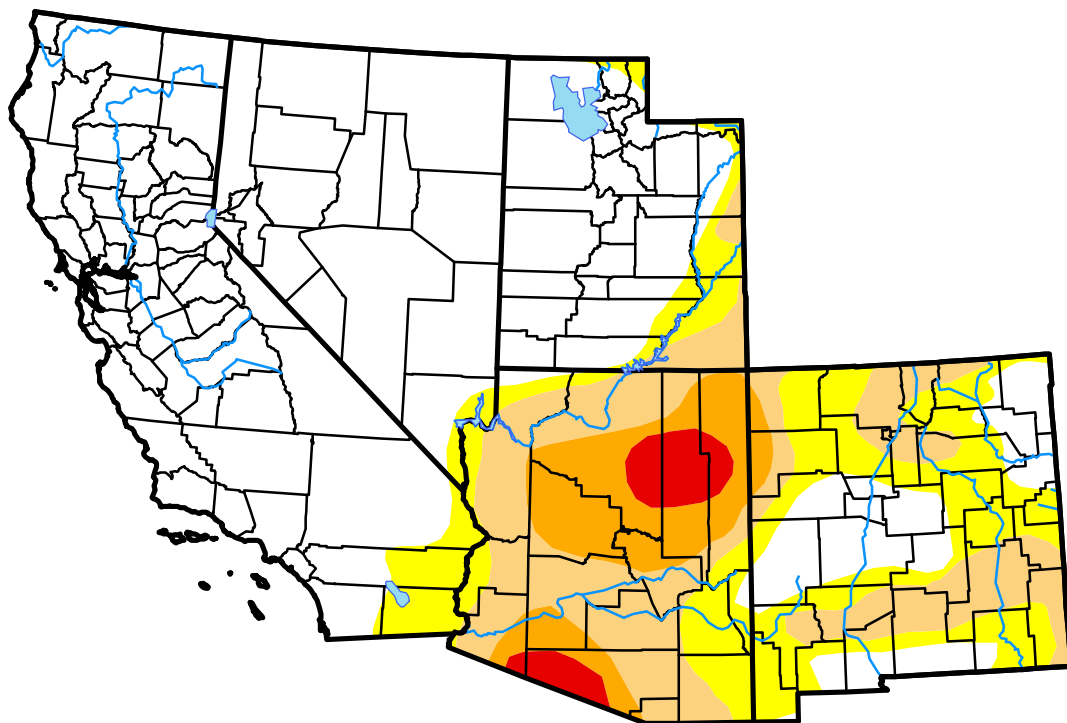


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	60.98	16.10	14.57	6.32	2.03	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-22-2006</i>	59.99	15.25	16.41	6.09	2.26	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>05-30-2006</i>	54.15	7.20	6.16	9.93	19.22	3.35
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.14	29.91	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	76.22	16.98	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>08-30-2005</i>	75.19	17.94	6.86	0.00	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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