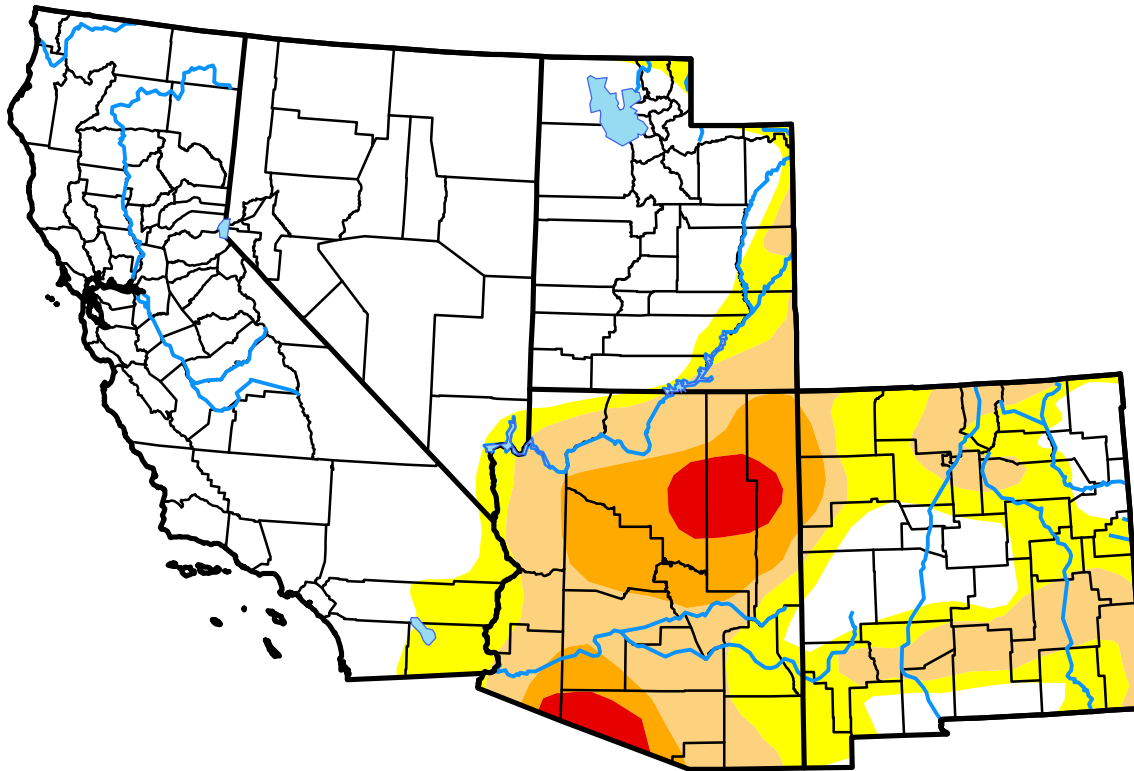


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 61.30 | 38.70 | 23.14 | 8.44 | 2.05 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>08-22-2006</i> | 60.30 | 39.70 | 25.00 | 8.44 | 2.28 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>05-30-2006</i> | 53.64 | 46.36 | 39.08 | 32.85 | 22.82 | 3.39 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.76 | 42.24 | 12.99 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i> | 76.37 | 23.63 | 6.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>08-30-2005</i> | 75.50 | 24.50 | 6.94 | 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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