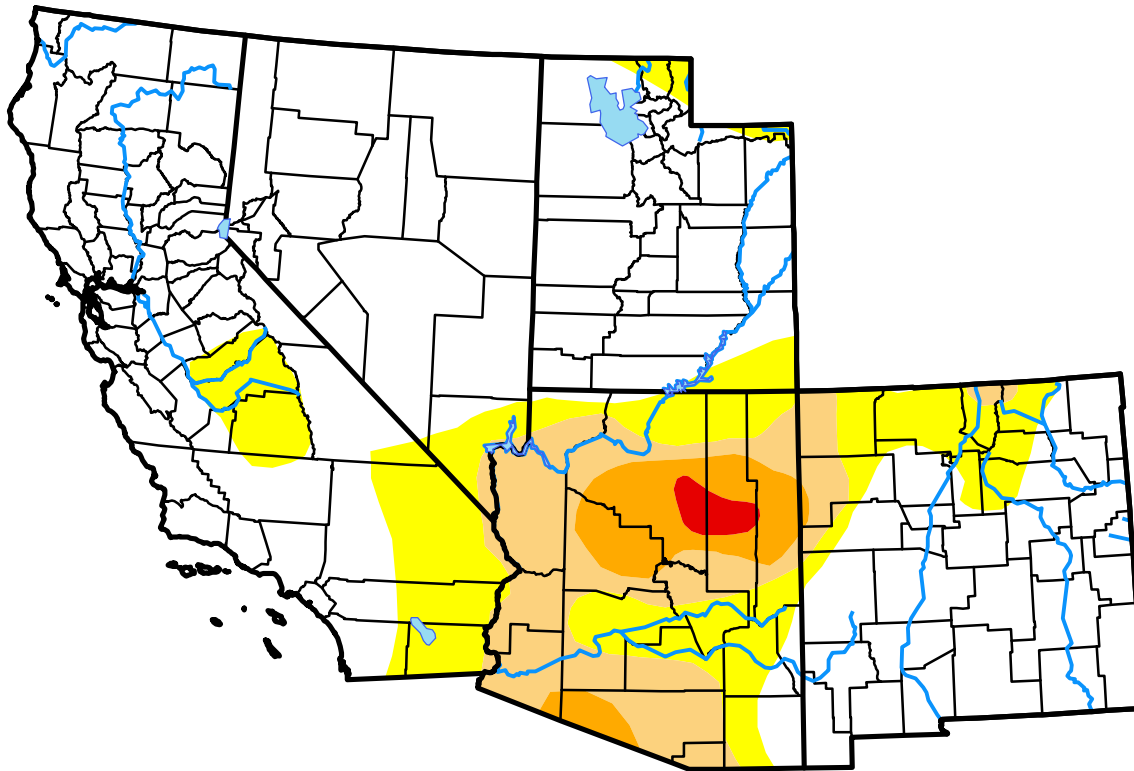


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**November 21, 2006**  
 (Released Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|  | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|--|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 68.80 | 16.30 | 10.43 | 3.88 | 0.59 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-14-2006</i>              | 70.69 | 14.41 | 10.43 | 3.88 | 0.59 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>08-22-2006</i>           | 60.30 | 14.69 | 16.57 | 6.16 | 2.28 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.76 | 29.25 | 12.99 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2006</i>    | 67.34 | 15.41 | 11.46 | 4.38 | 1.41 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>11-22-2005</i>           | 68.94 | 25.28 | 5.78  | 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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