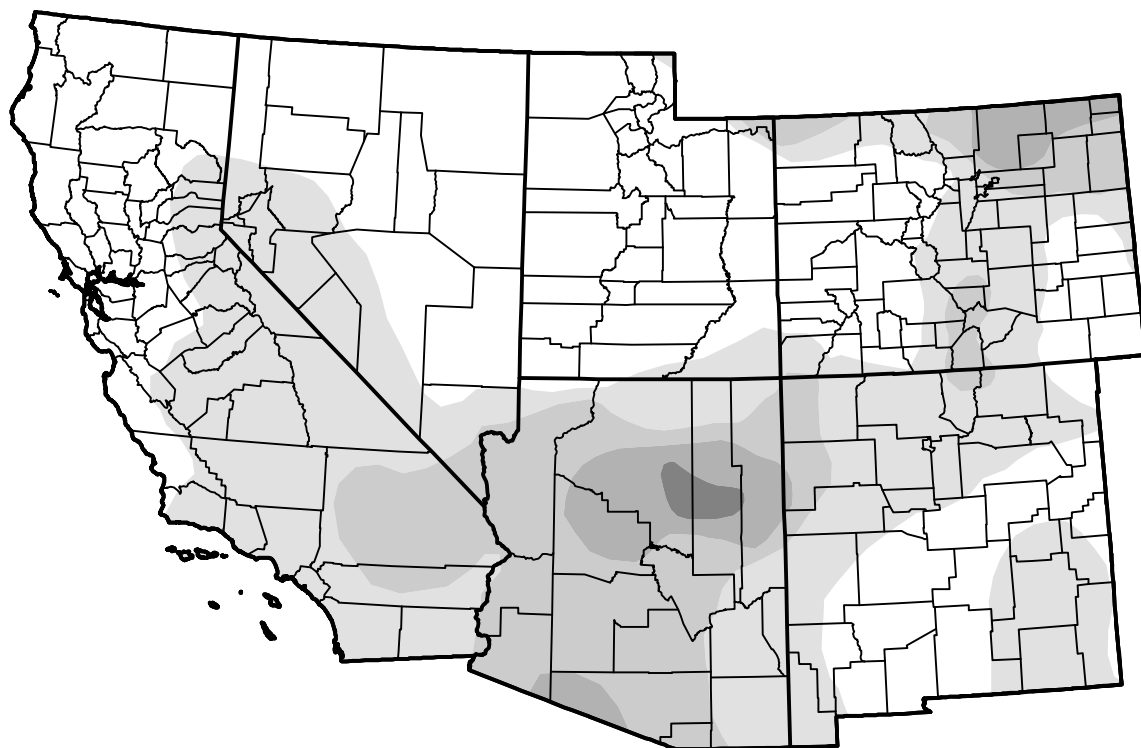


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	45.82	54.18	20.10	4.85	0.50	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2006</i>	52.65	47.35	17.55	4.85	0.50	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2006</i>	57.21	42.79	24.67	6.12	1.20	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>09-26-2006</i>	57.23	42.77	20.14	6.21	1.20	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2005</i>	61.51	38.49	8.43	0.00	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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