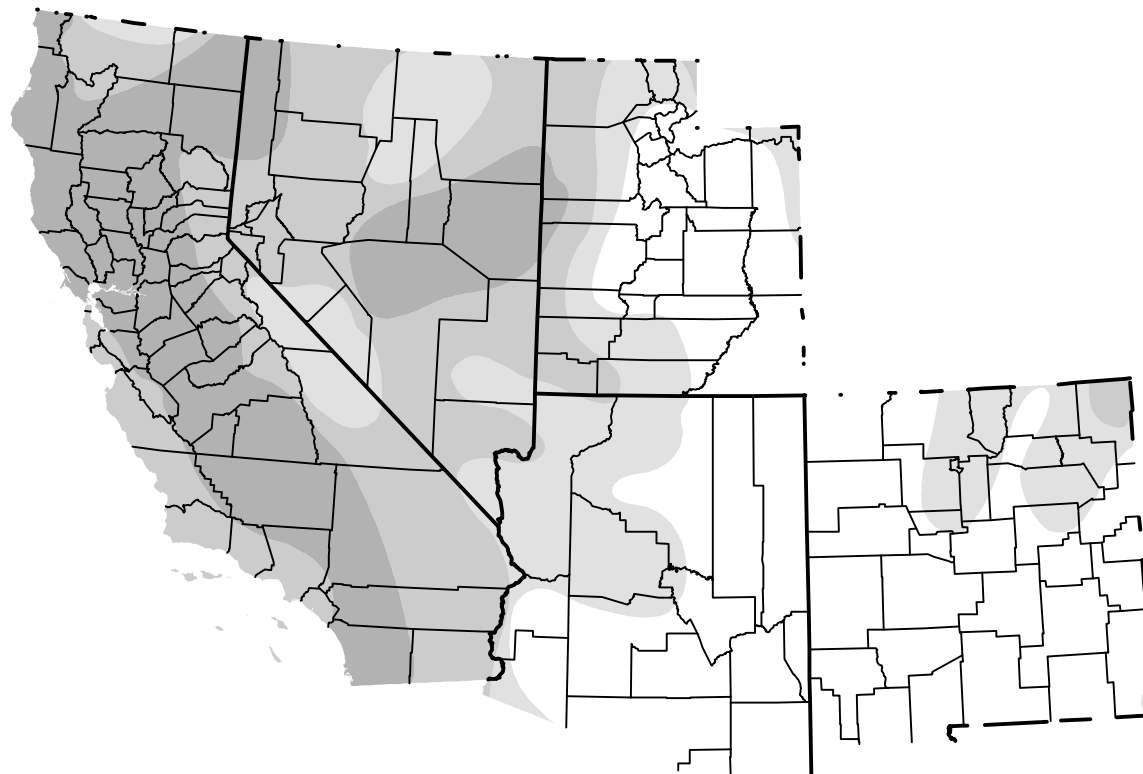


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.09	19.10	23.62	20.06	0.13	0.00
Last Week <i>10-16-2008</i>	40.98	16.67	23.43	18.79	0.13	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-24-2008</i>	31.92	27.20	33.21	7.56	0.08	0.03
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	20.86	15.84	17.96	39.89	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-25-2007</i>	20.75	12.12	16.00	35.12	16.01	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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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