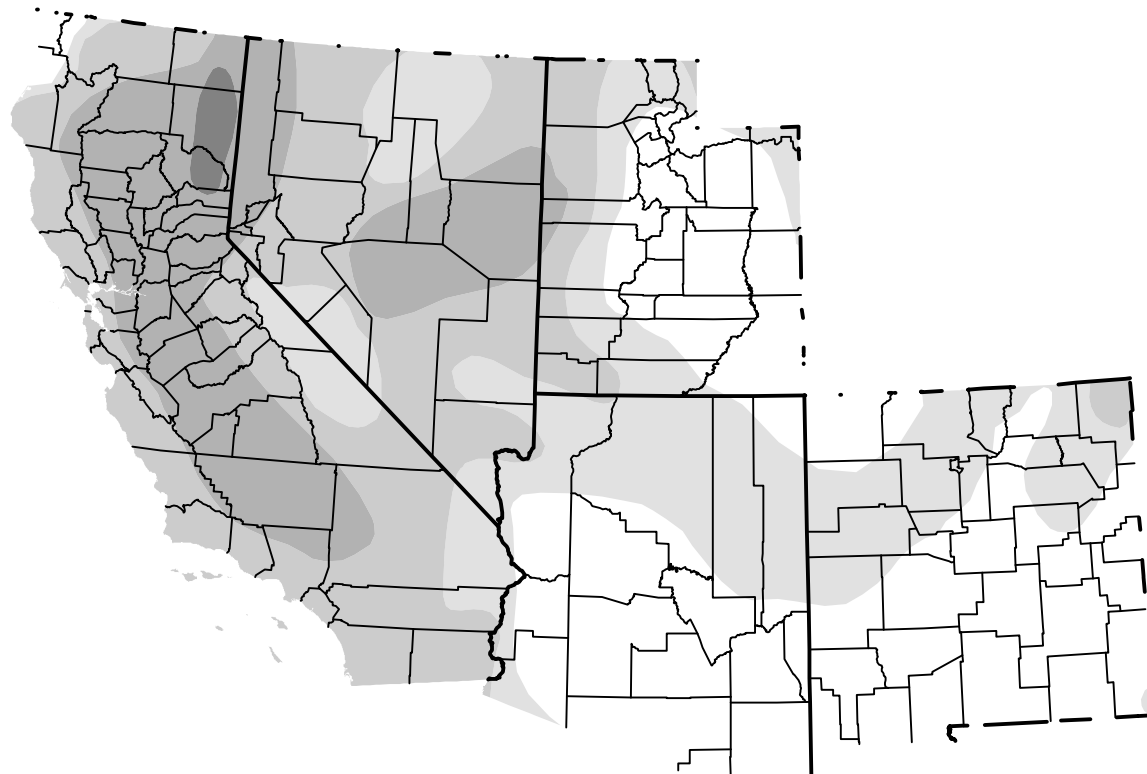


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	34.00	23.69	24.60	16.85	0.86	0.00
Last Week 12-24-2008	29.81	27.72	24.75	16.85	0.86	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-02-2008	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2008	20.86	15.84	17.96	39.89	5.44	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2008	38.93	17.60	24.57	18.26	0.65	0.00
One Year Ago 01-03-2008	20.86	15.84	17.96	39.89	5.44	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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