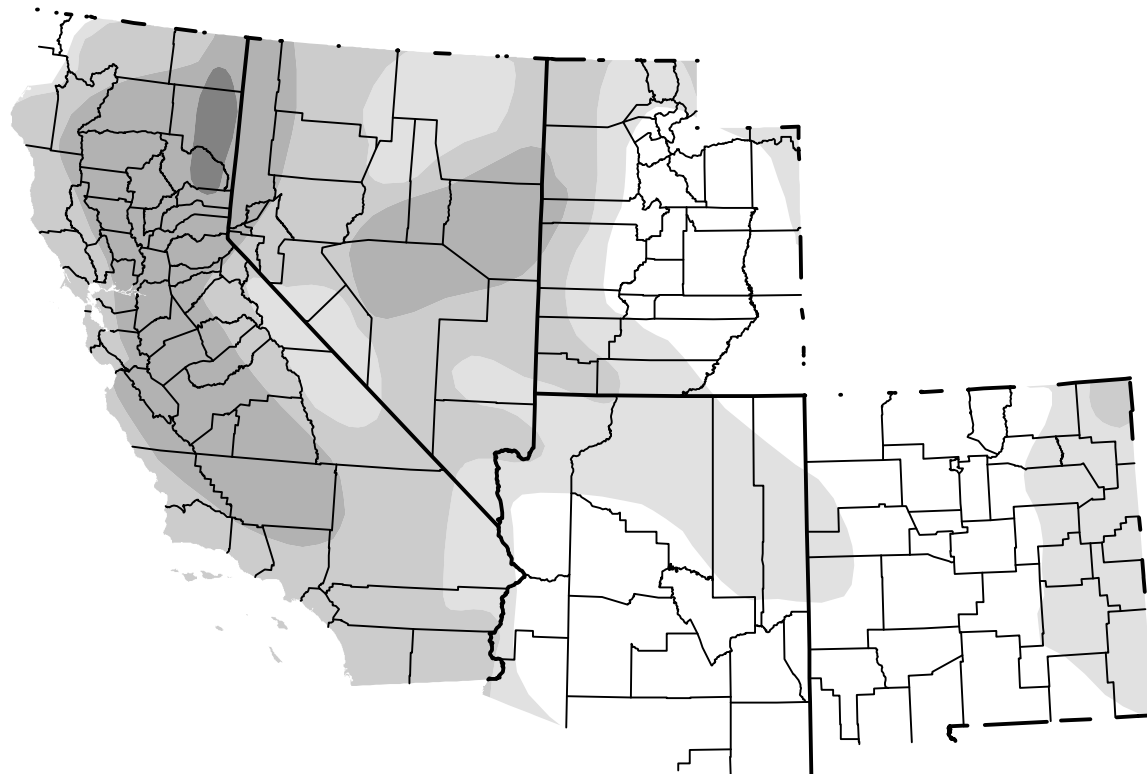


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**January 13, 2009**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 34.46 | 65.54 | 41.82 | 17.79 | 0.82  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-08-2009</i>              | 35.86 | 64.14 | 42.19 | 17.04 | 0.82  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-16-2008</i>           | 40.98 | 59.02 | 42.35 | 18.92 | 0.13  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2009</i> | 34.00 | 66.00 | 42.31 | 17.71 | 0.86  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>    | 38.93 | 61.07 | 43.48 | 18.91 | 0.65  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-17-2008</i>           | 22.16 | 77.84 | 60.87 | 34.36 | 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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