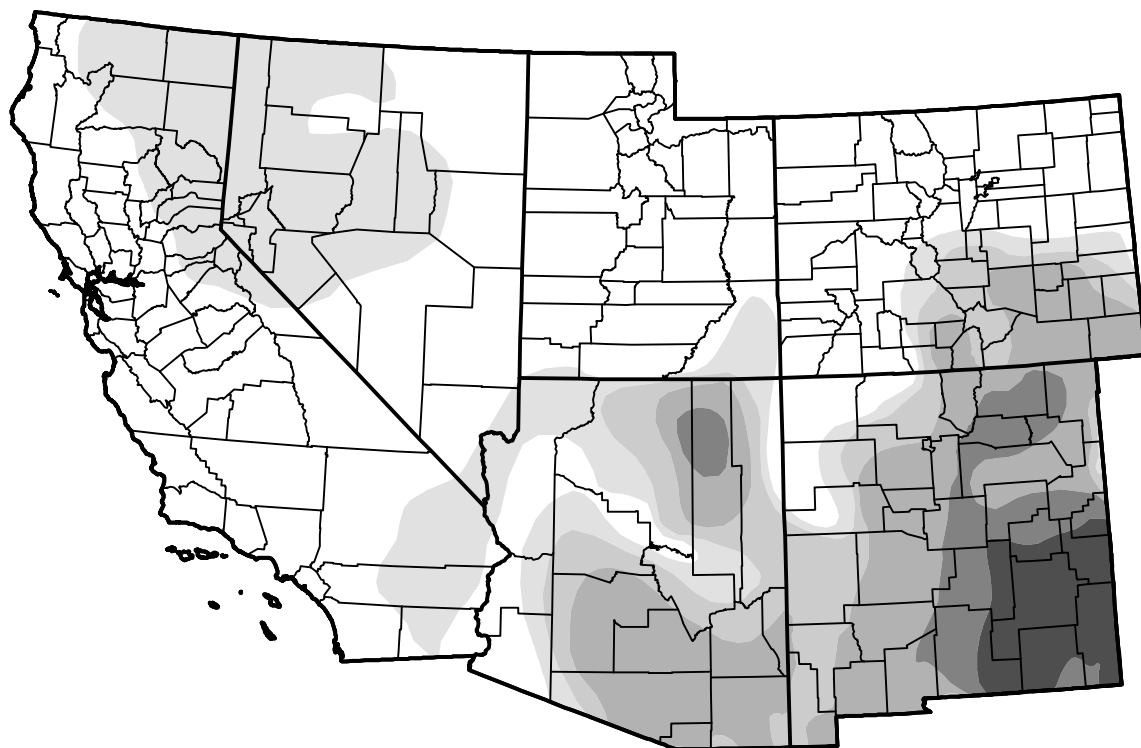


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	50.99	19.93	8.17	13.79	4.00	3.12
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	49.55	19.55	6.32	12.68	8.73	3.17
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	55.16	12.27	6.93	9.73	9.39	6.52
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	61.96	18.17	18.34	1.52	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	55.16	12.27	6.93	9.73	9.39	6.52
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	51.10	27.31	20.07	1.52	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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