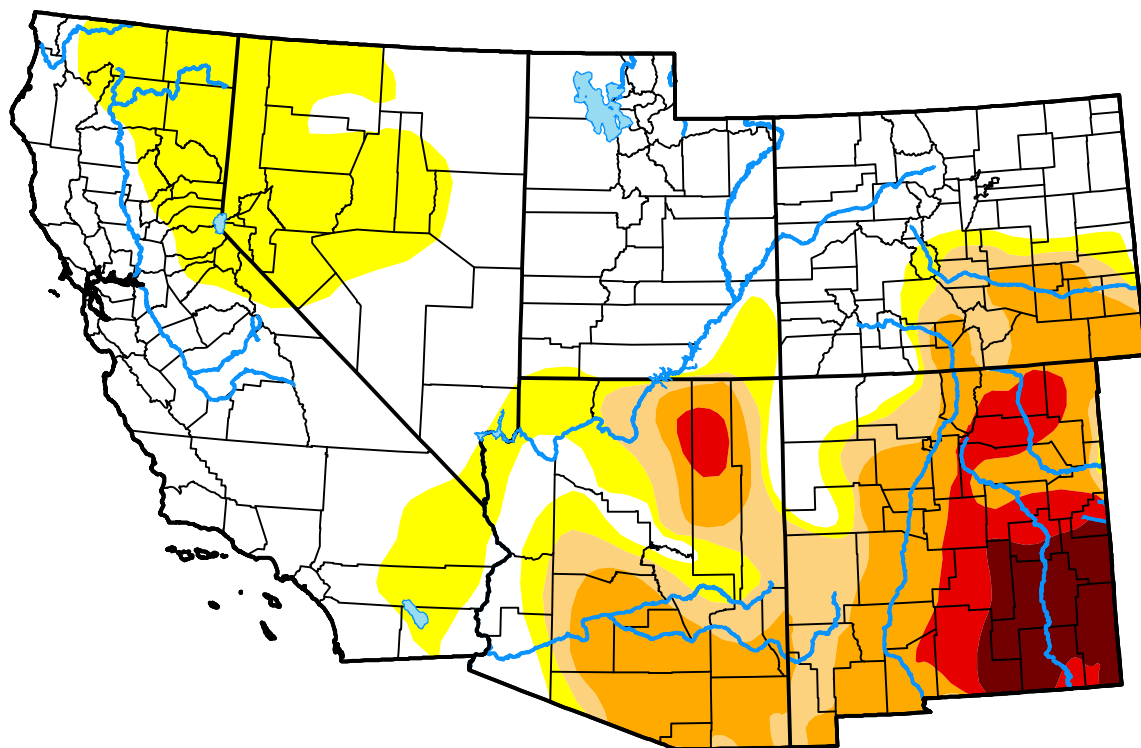


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.99	49.01	29.08	20.91	7.12	3.12
Last Week <i>12-13-2011</i>	49.55	50.45	30.90	24.58	11.90	3.17
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2011</i>	55.16	44.84	32.58	25.65	15.91	6.52
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	61.96	38.04	19.86	1.52	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	55.16	44.84	32.58	25.65	15.91	6.52
One Year Ago <i>12-21-2010</i>	51.10	48.90	21.59	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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