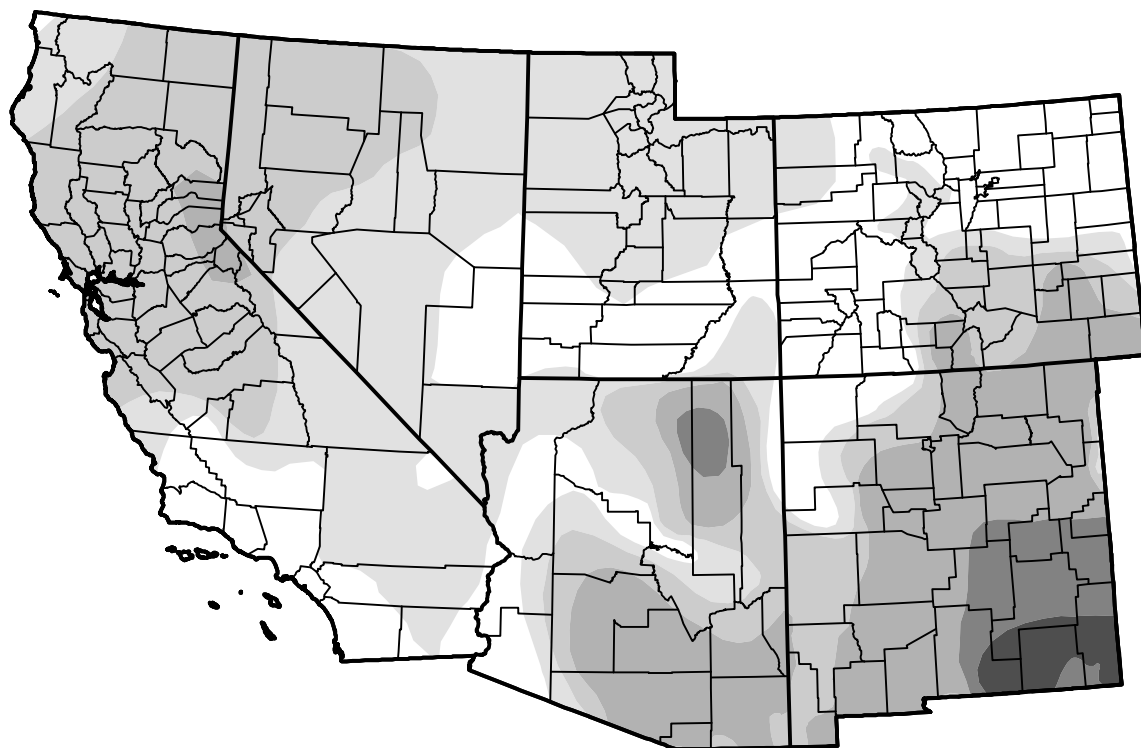


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 23.51 | 76.49 | 44.90 | 20.98 | 4.56  | 1.33 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i>              | 34.66 | 65.34 | 44.90 | 20.25 | 4.56  | 1.33 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-11-2011</i>           | 56.09 | 43.91 | 31.88 | 25.31 | 14.51 | 4.91 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 34.66 | 65.34 | 44.90 | 20.25 | 4.56  | 1.33 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 55.16 | 44.84 | 32.58 | 25.65 | 15.91 | 6.52 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-11-2011</i>           | 65.35 | 34.65 | 20.18 | 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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