

# U.S. Drought Monitor

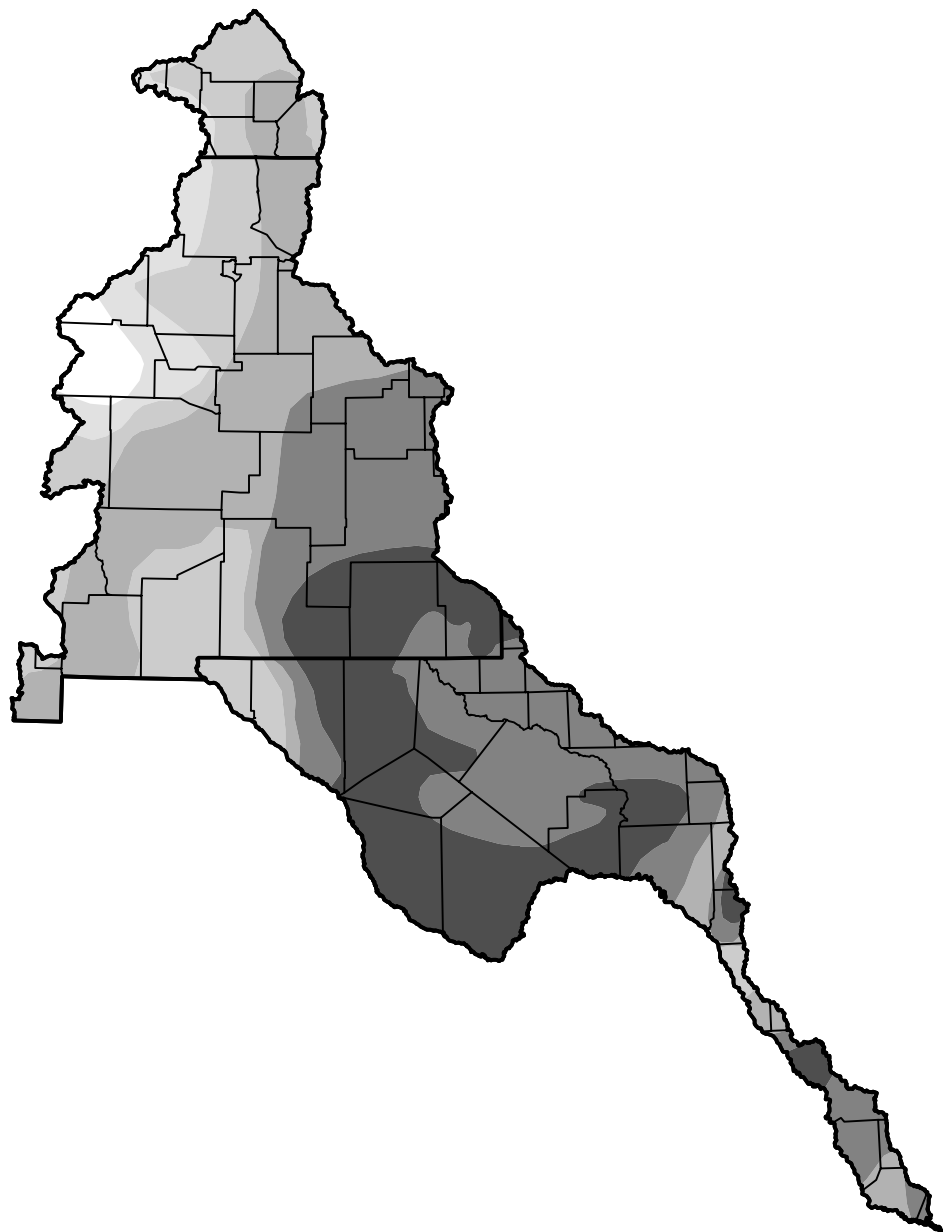
## Rio Grande Watershed

**February 14, 2012**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 2.23 | 5.09  | 17.81 | 23.75 | 28.79 | 22.33 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-09-2012</i>              | 0.28 | 2.42  | 18.60 | 26.14 | 29.15 | 23.41 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-17-2011</i>           | 0.30 | 2.28  | 5.37  | 18.32 | 33.58 | 40.16 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 1.79 | 2.71  | 8.94  | 36.64 | 23.33 | 26.59 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 0.07 | 0.78  | 3.72  | 13.79 | 30.37 | 51.27 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-17-2011</i>           | 2.05 | 24.46 | 23.49 | 46.21 | 3.79  | 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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