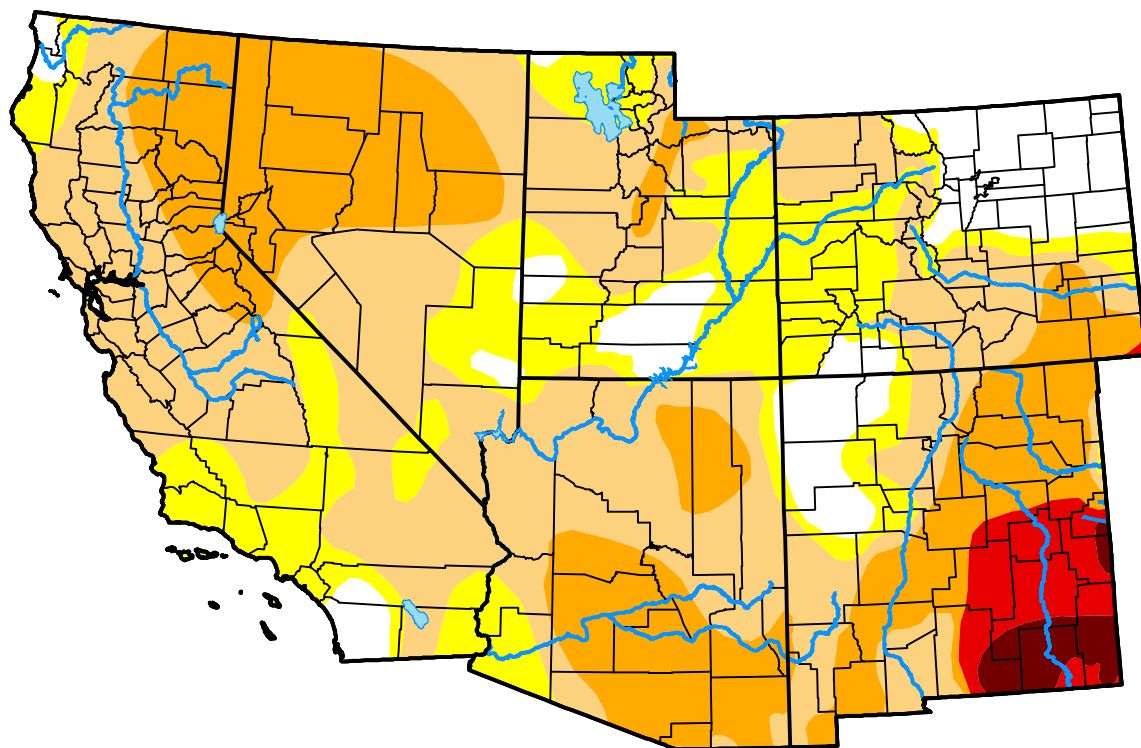


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 9.44  | 19.78 | 40.94 | 25.46 | 2.95  | 1.43 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-21-2012</i>              | 9.84  | 22.35 | 48.23 | 15.20 | 2.95  | 1.43 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-29-2011</i>           | 57.50 | 10.76 | 6.08  | 9.43  | 12.88 | 3.35 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 34.66 | 20.43 | 24.65 | 15.69 | 3.23  | 1.33 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 55.16 | 12.27 | 6.93  | 9.73  | 9.39  | 6.52 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-01-2011</i>           | 63.30 | 10.93 | 12.57 | 13.21 | 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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