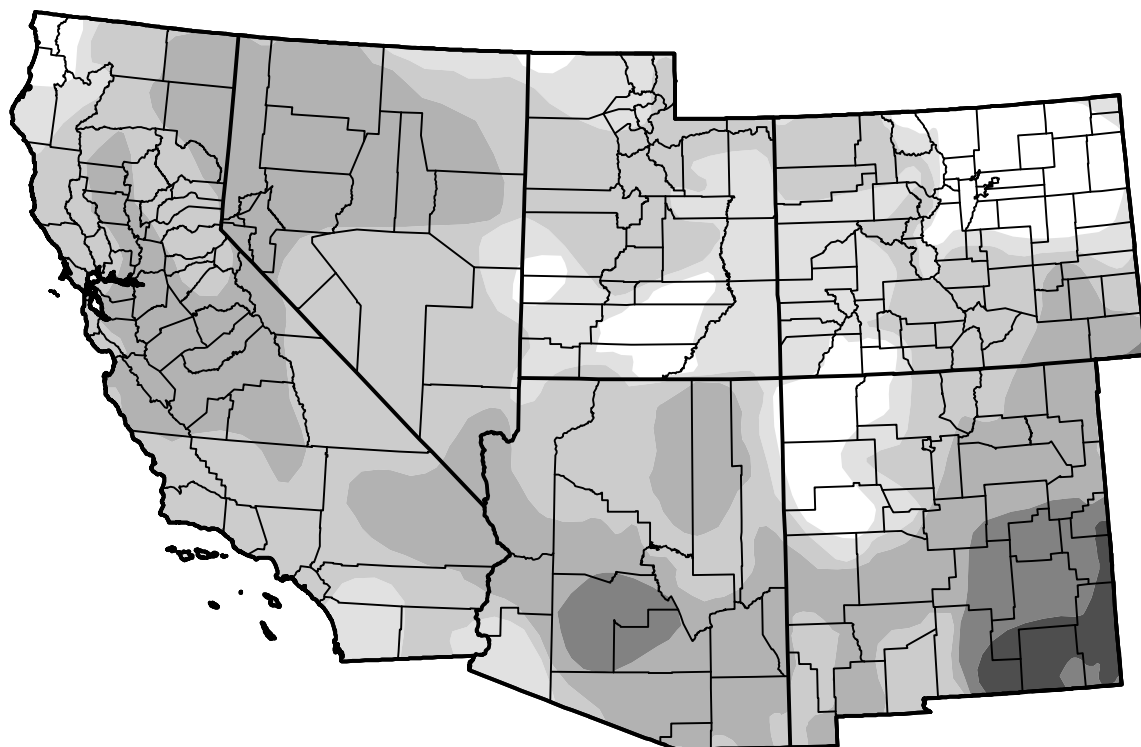


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	8.61	14.98	37.69	32.92	4.21	1.60
Last Week <i>03-13-2012</i>	8.05	15.02	35.70	35.43	4.20	1.60
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	50.99	19.93	8.17	13.79	4.00	3.12
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	34.66	20.43	24.65	15.69	3.23	1.33
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>03-22-2011</i>	60.10	9.65	13.96	13.52	2.77	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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