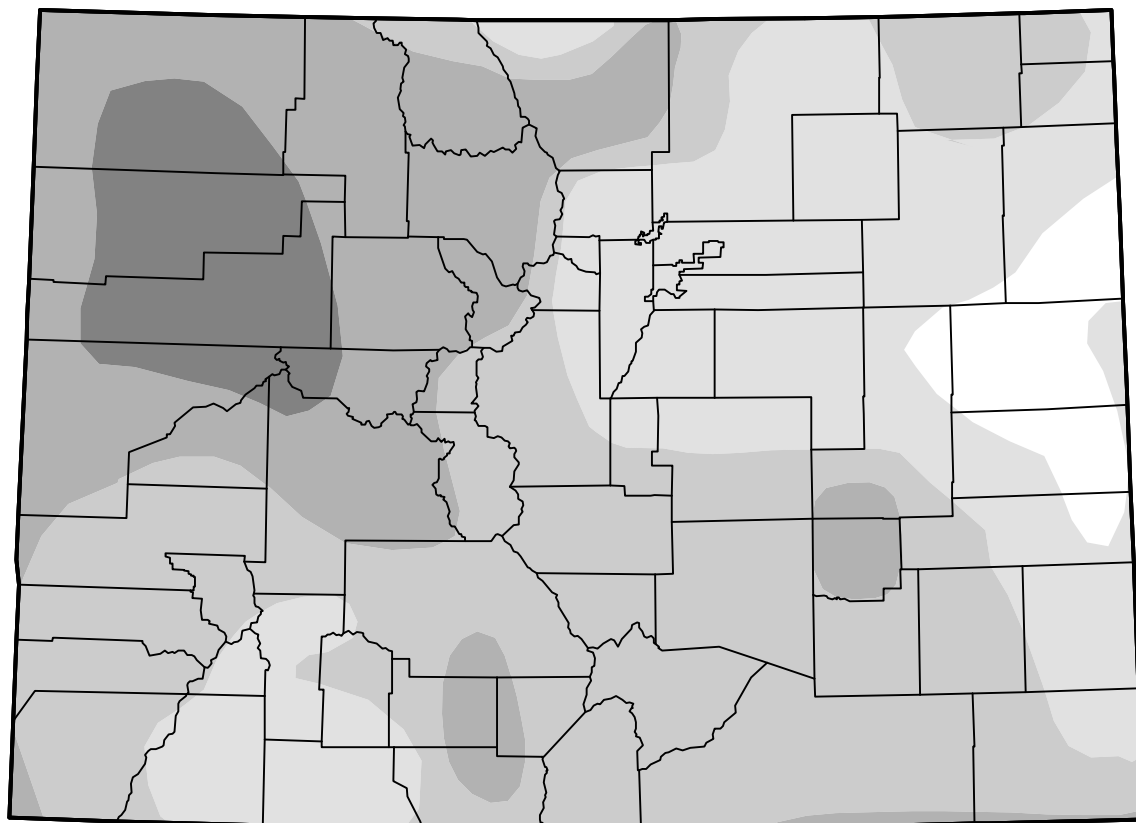


# U.S. Drought Monitor Colorado

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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                 | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 4.44  | 95.56 | 68.59 | 29.60 | 7.27  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>05-17-2012                  | 5.15  | 94.85 | 64.57 | 28.49 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>02-23-2012               | 30.48 | 69.52 | 41.16 | 10.67 | 0.21  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>01-05-2012 | 65.37 | 34.63 | 24.98 | 10.60 | 0.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-29-2011    | 60.62 | 39.38 | 27.69 | 19.99 | 7.88  | 0.56 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>05-26-2011               | 52.49 | 47.51 | 36.32 | 26.22 | 7.55  | 0.88 |

## 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  
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