

# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 15.09 | 84.91 | 76.86 | 46.33 | 17.26 | 1.49 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-28-2012</i>              | 15.07 | 84.93 | 74.27 | 44.37 | 15.89 | 1.15 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-05-2012</i>           | 29.60 | 70.40 | 53.30 | 31.03 | 4.95  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 50.20 | 49.80 | 28.05 | 11.84 | 2.67  | 0.78 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 66.72 | 33.28 | 19.04 | 14.99 | 9.30  | 3.81 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-06-2011</i>           | 70.06 | 29.94 | 19.69 | 14.94 | 10.00 | 4.23 |

## 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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