

# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

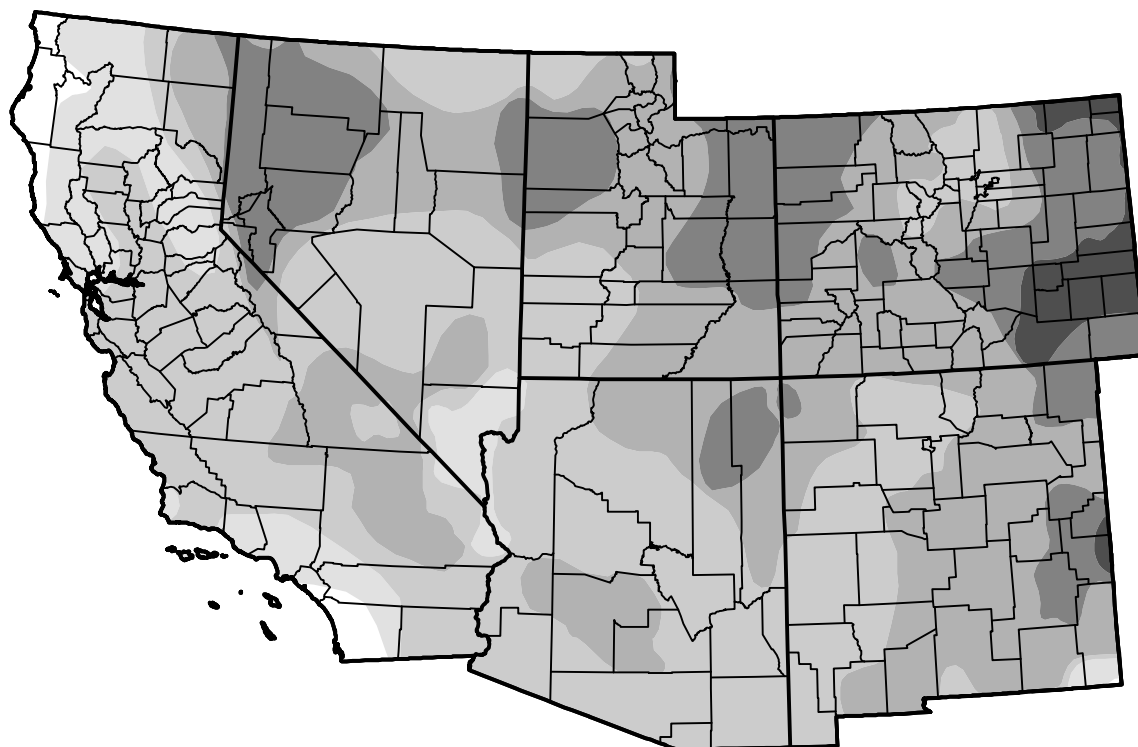
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## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 1.55  | 6.98  | 38.00 | 34.25 | 16.99 | 2.22 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-16-2012</i>              | 1.51  | 6.88  | 38.14 | 35.47 | 15.78 | 2.22 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-24-2012</i>           | 2.66  | 5.83  | 19.82 | 45.32 | 25.96 | 0.42 |
| <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>09-25-2012</i>    | 2.72  | 4.37  | 37.46 | 35.79 | 16.99 | 2.65 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-25-2011</i>           | 57.04 | 11.62 | 6.23  | 10.60 | 9.60  | 4.91 |



## 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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