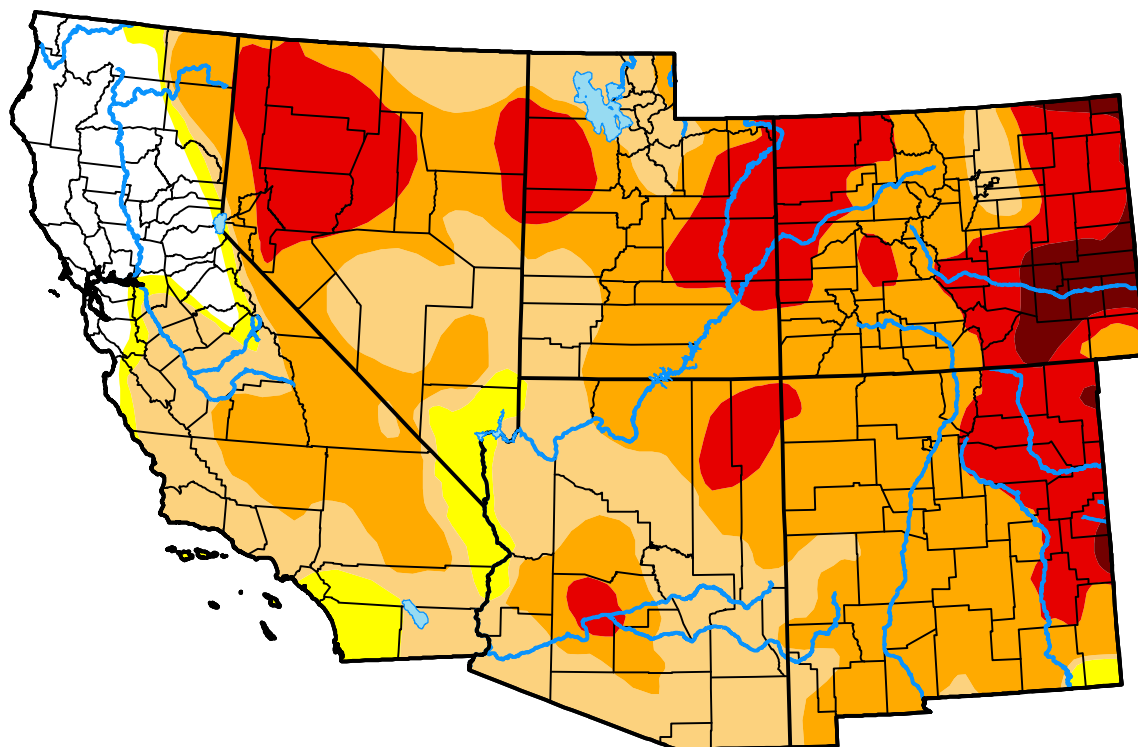


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	7.06	4.42	26.84	39.99	19.50	2.20
Last Week 12-11-2012	7.07	3.88	26.65	40.69	19.51	2.20
3 Months Ago 09-18-2012	2.72	4.36	37.47	35.79	16.99	2.65
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	34.66	20.43	24.65	15.69	3.23	1.33
Start of Water Year 09-25-2012	2.72	4.37	37.46	35.79	16.99	2.65
One Year Ago 12-20-2011	50.99	19.93	8.17	13.79	4.00	3.12

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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