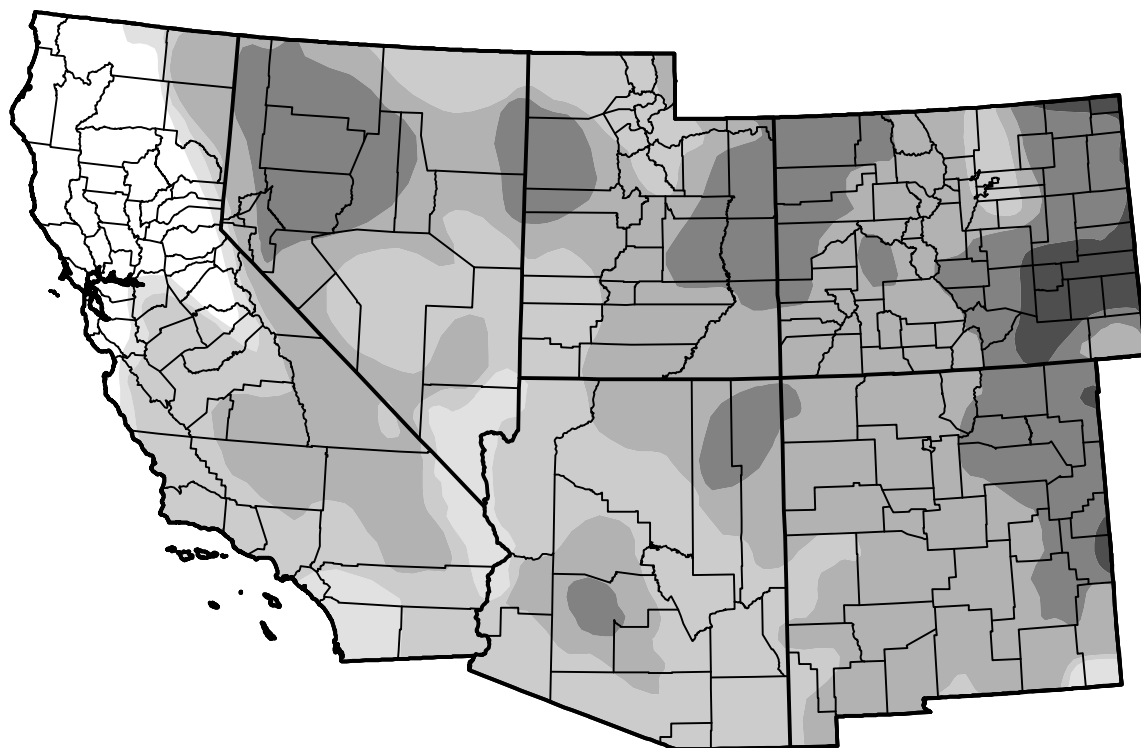


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.06	92.94	88.52	61.68	21.70	2.20
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	7.07	92.93	89.04	62.39	21.71	2.20
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	2.72	97.28	92.91	55.44	19.65	2.65
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	34.66	65.34	44.90	20.25	4.56	1.33
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	2.72	97.28	92.90	55.44	19.65	2.65
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	50.99	49.01	29.08	20.91	7.12	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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