

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 3.69  | 34.01 | 32.86 | 12.03 | 11.82 | 5.59  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>04-21-2016              | 7.95  | 29.75 | 32.86 | 12.03 | 11.82 | 5.59  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>01-28-2016           | 32.34 | 21.50 | 13.91 | 10.54 | 10.15 | 11.57 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-31-2015 | 21.87 | 21.67 | 17.62 | 14.60 | 10.59 | 13.64 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>10-01-2015    | 16.35 | 17.62 | 22.93 | 17.26 | 10.67 | 15.17 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>04-30-2015           | 6.89  | 7.39  | 28.91 | 28.37 | 12.60 | 15.83 |

### 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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