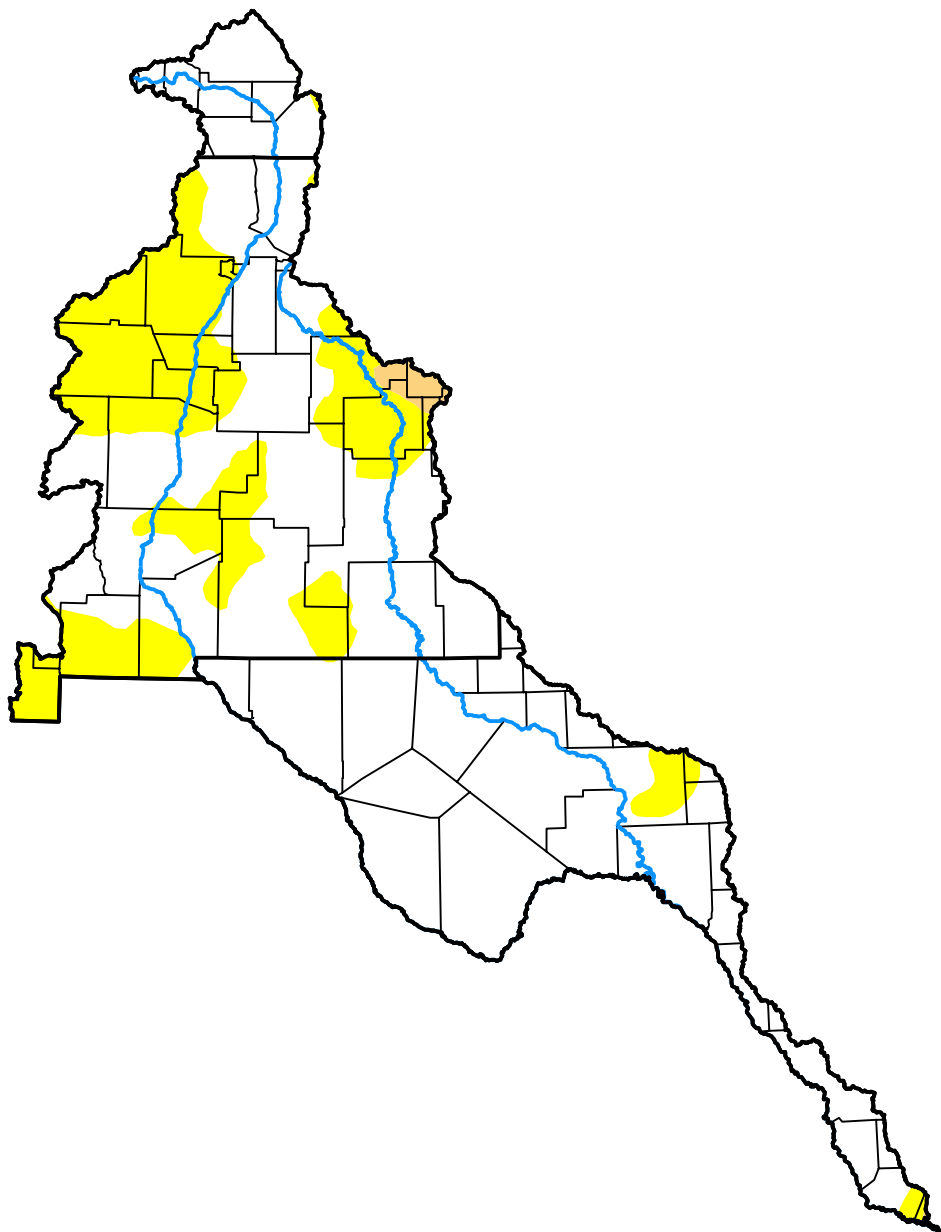


# U.S. Drought Monitor Rio Grande Watershed

**September 20, 2016**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 74.68 | 25.32 | 0.86  | 0.02  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-15-2016</i>              | 75.80 | 24.20 | 0.85  | 0.02  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-23-2016</i>           | 44.77 | 55.23 | 5.06  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2015</i> | 85.78 | 14.22 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2015</i>    | 59.44 | 40.56 | 4.92  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-24-2015</i>           | 57.79 | 42.21 | 1.79  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

**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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