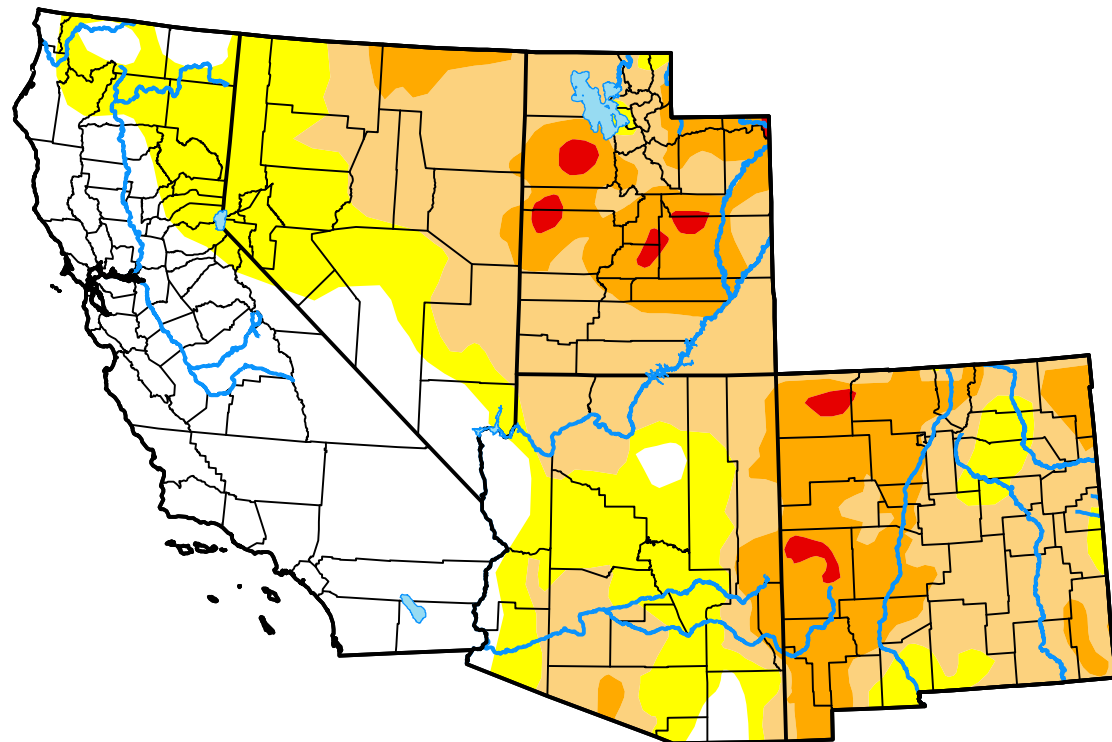


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	27.79	22.33	32.21	16.56	1.10	0.00
Last Week <i>03-10-2026</i>	34.01	23.18	27.24	14.45	1.12	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-16-2025</i>	35.64	15.82	22.56	24.65	1.33	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	42.93	14.89	22.15	18.79	1.24	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	11.81	15.23	23.57	37.66	10.96	0.78
One Year Ago <i>03-18-2025</i>	17.50	13.85	20.88	26.30	19.42	2.05

Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.

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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