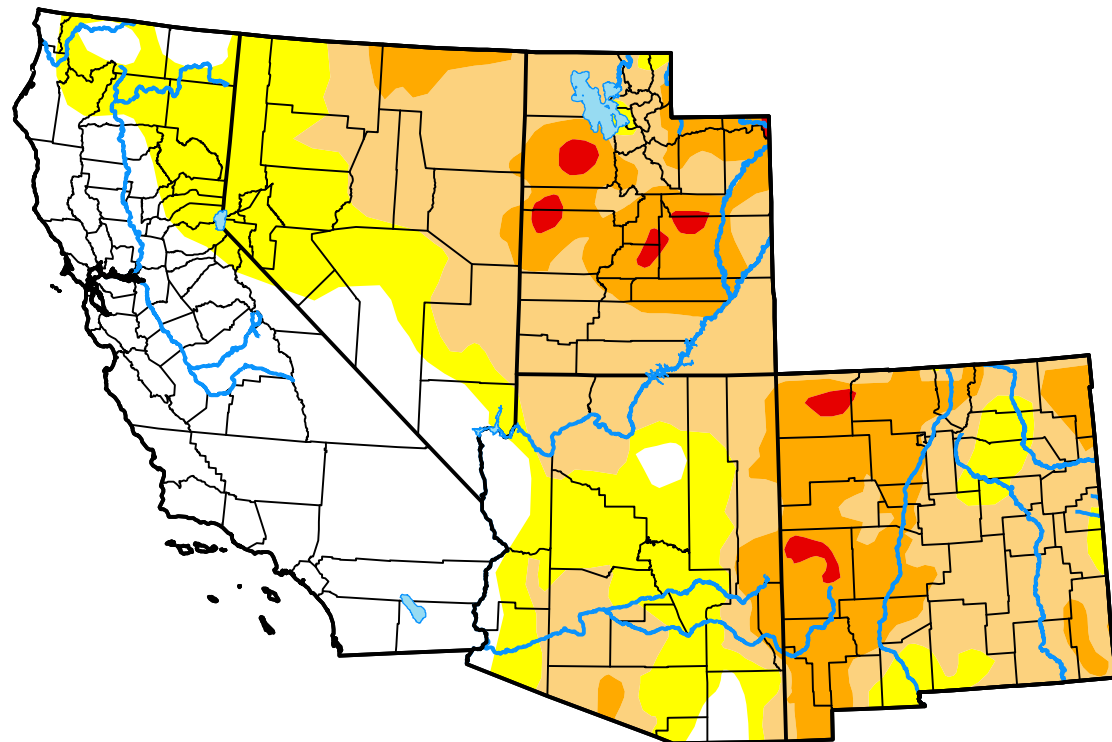


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 27.79 | 72.21 | 49.88 | 17.67 | 1.10  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-10-2026</i>              | 34.01 | 65.99 | 42.81 | 15.57 | 1.12  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-16-2025</i>           | 35.64 | 64.36 | 48.54 | 25.98 | 1.33  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-06-2026</i> | 42.93 | 57.07 | 42.18 | 20.03 | 1.24  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2025</i>    | 11.81 | 88.19 | 72.96 | 49.39 | 11.73 | 0.78 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-18-2025</i>           | 17.50 | 82.50 | 68.65 | 47.76 | 21.47 | 2.05 |

*Note: Statistics do not include areas represented by points.*

### Intensity:



*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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