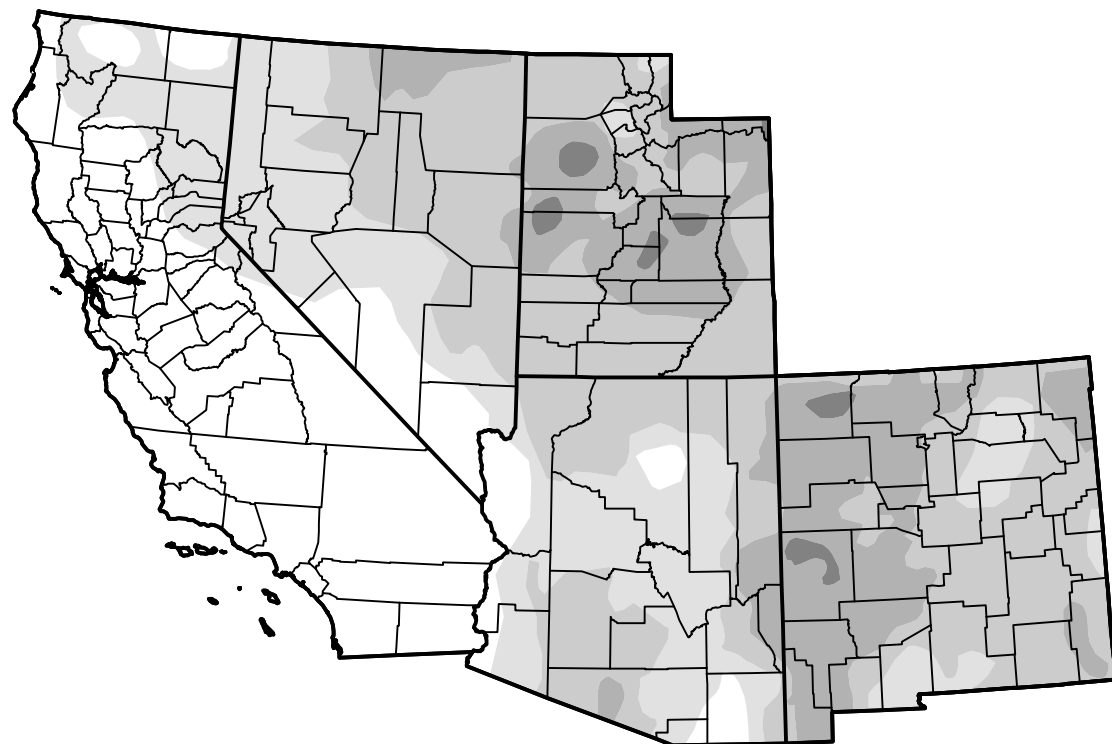


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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