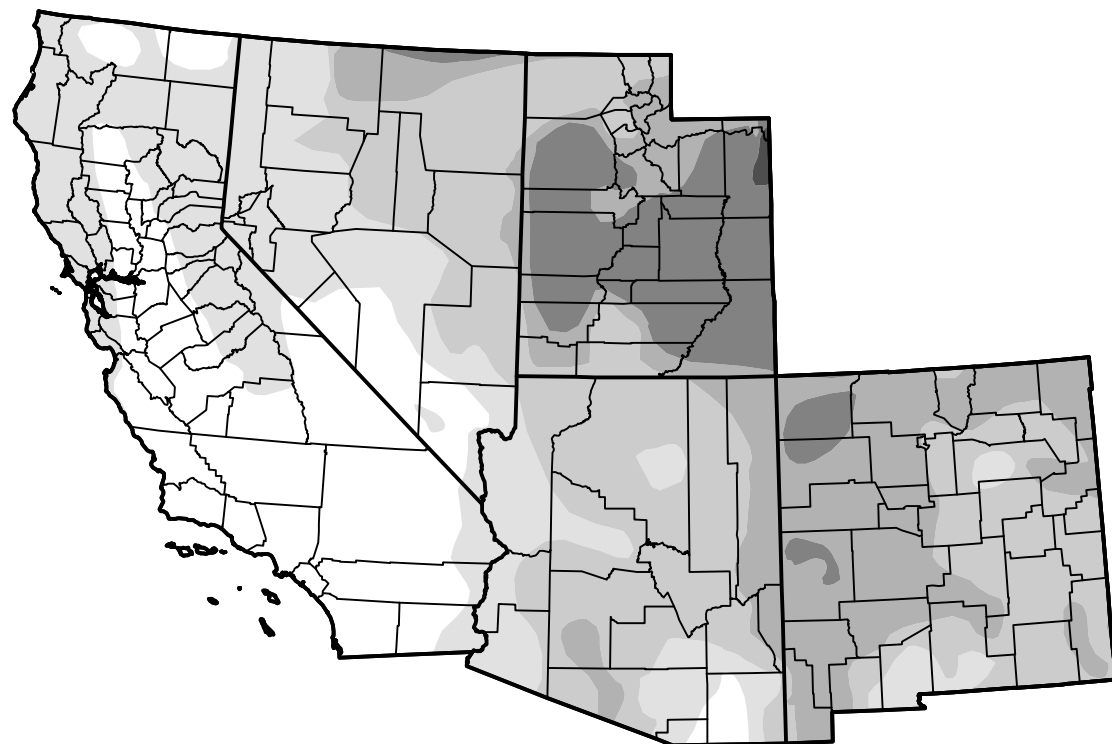


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**March 31, 2026**  
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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>                                     | 20.02 | 79.98 | 55.94 | 27.98 | 9.64  | 0.14 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-24-2026</i>              | 24.19 | 75.81 | 50.66 | 24.01 | 1.94  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-30-2025</i>           | 38.77 | 61.23 | 47.82 | 26.12 | 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>04-01-2025</i>           | 18.44 | 81.56 | 69.21 | 52.26 | 24.34 | 2.41 |

*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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