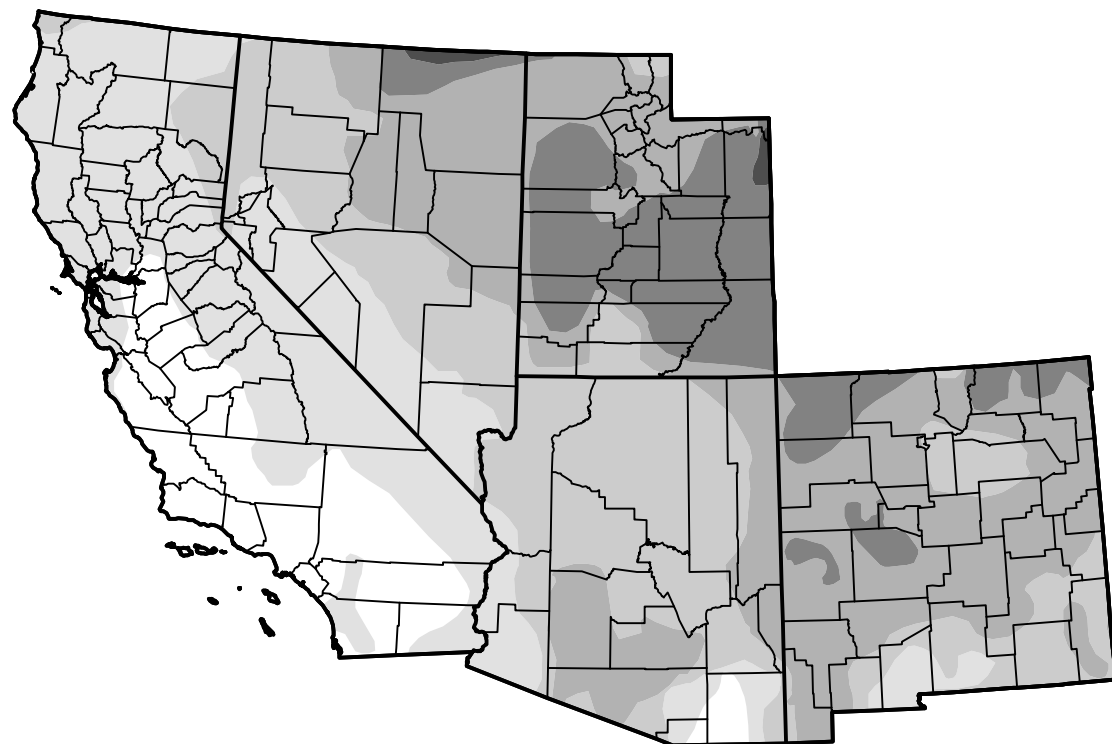


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	10.61	89.39	65.85	40.38	12.10	0.32
Last Week 04-14-2026	13.67	86.33	60.59	33.28	11.83	0.32
3 Months Ago 01-20-2026	42.73	57.27	39.78	18.13	0.76	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2026	42.93	57.07	42.18	20.03	1.24	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2025	11.81	88.19	72.96	49.39	11.73	0.78
One Year Ago 04-22-2025	18.89	81.11	70.02	53.99	28.02	3.74

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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