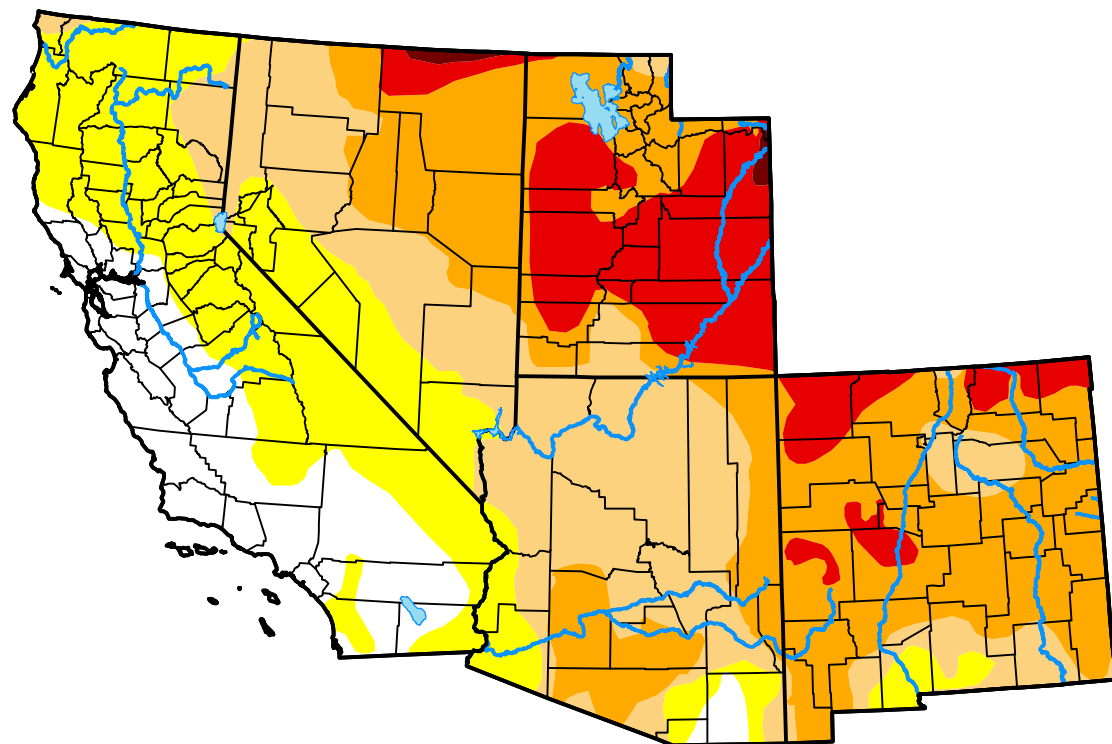


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.94	22.24	24.37	29.29	11.84	0.32
Last Week <i>04-21-2026</i>	10.61	23.54	25.47	28.28	11.78	0.32
3 Months Ago <i>01-27-2026</i>	43.33	17.55	21.27	17.09	0.76	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>04-29-2025</i>	18.94	11.42	15.63	23.84	26.42	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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