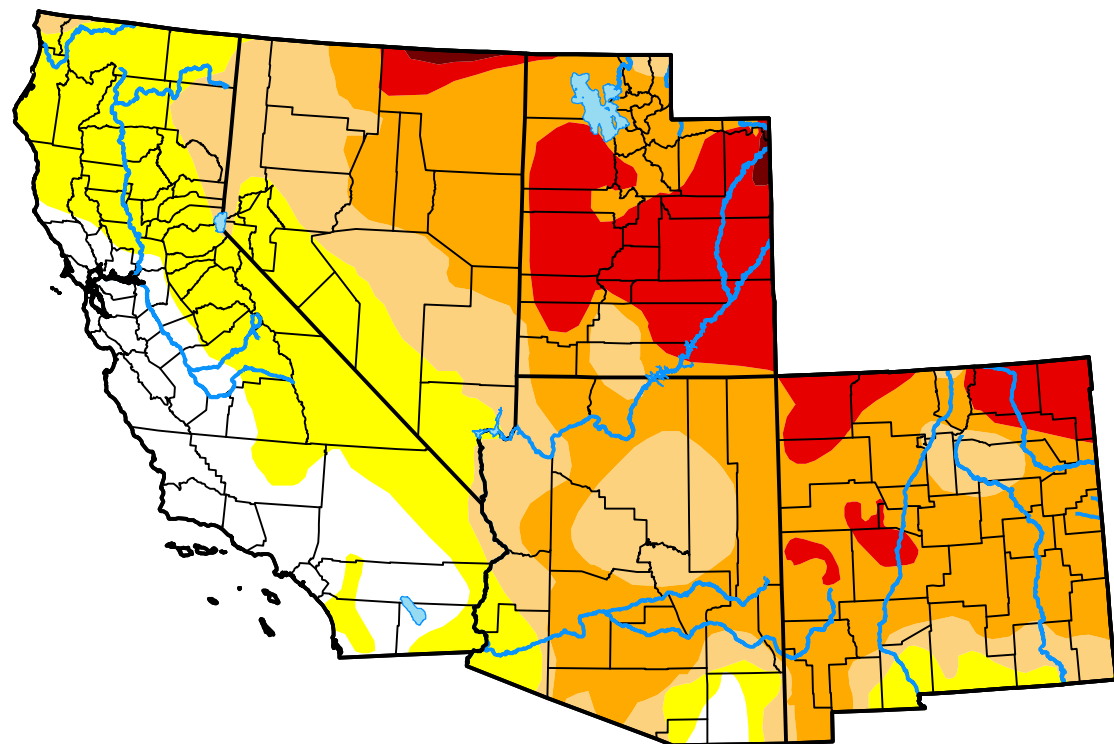


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.96	88.04	66.03	46.17	12.95	0.32
Last Week <i>04-28-2026</i>	11.94	88.06	65.82	41.45	12.16	0.32
3 Months Ago <i>02-03-2026</i>	39.95	60.05	39.28	15.29	0.76	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>05-06-2025</i>	19.28	80.72	68.00	50.99	28.83	2.46

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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