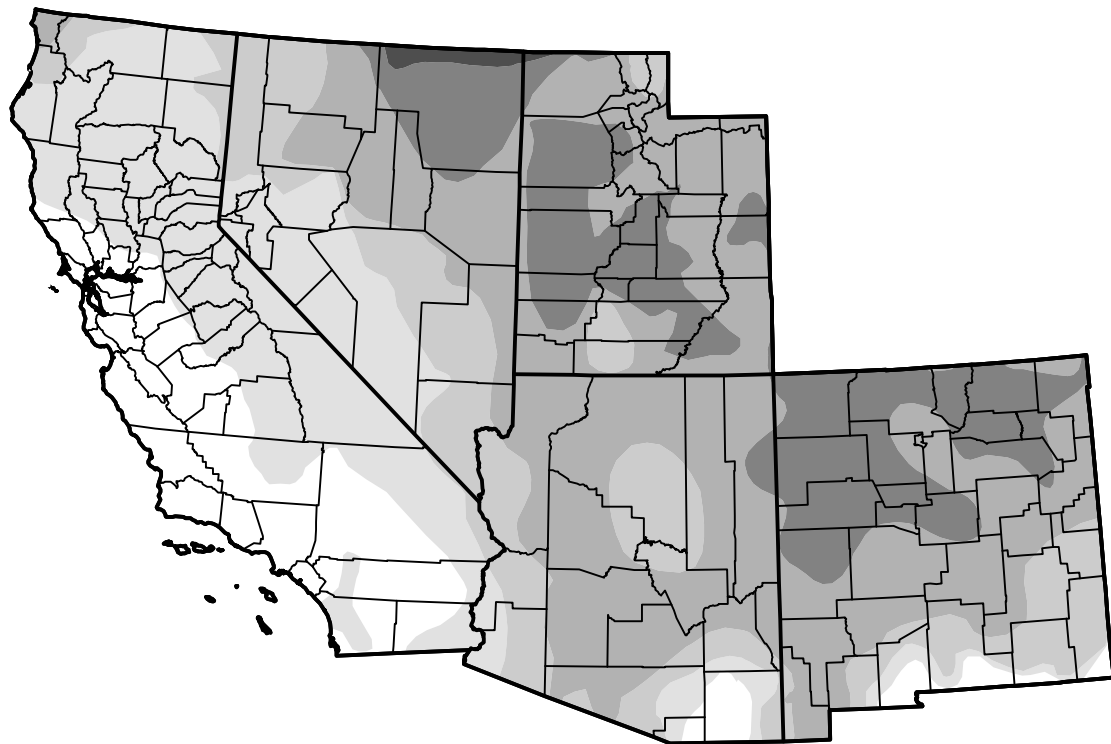


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	12.69	87.31	65.95	49.93	16.22	0.46
Last Week 07-07-2026	12.73	87.27	65.96	50.59	16.43	0.46
3 Months Ago 04-14-2026	13.67	86.33	60.59	33.28	11.83	0.32
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 07-15-2025	8.06	91.94	70.66	49.16	18.85	1.84

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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