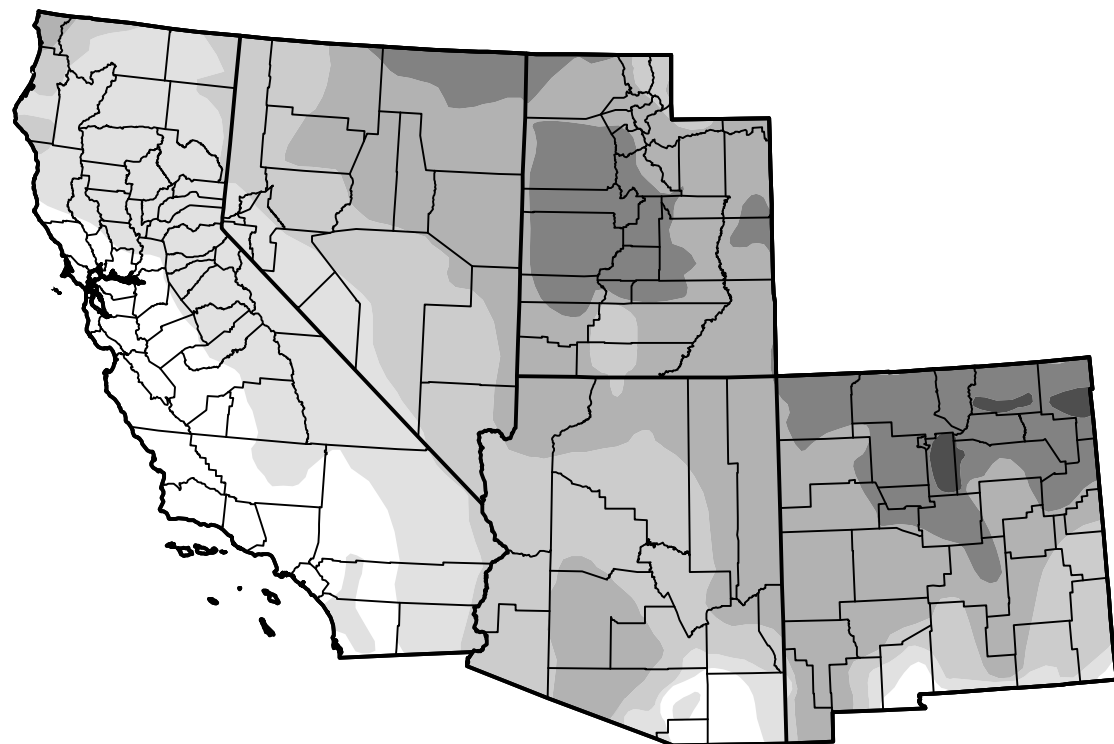


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.51	88.49	68.94	46.69	13.77	0.63
Last Week <i>08-11-2026</i>	11.43	88.57	66.33	46.91	13.16	0.33
3 Months Ago <i>05-19-2026</i>	12.12	87.88	67.40	49.39	15.69	0.47
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>08-19-2025</i>	10.44	89.56	71.35	53.49	18.00	1.44

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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