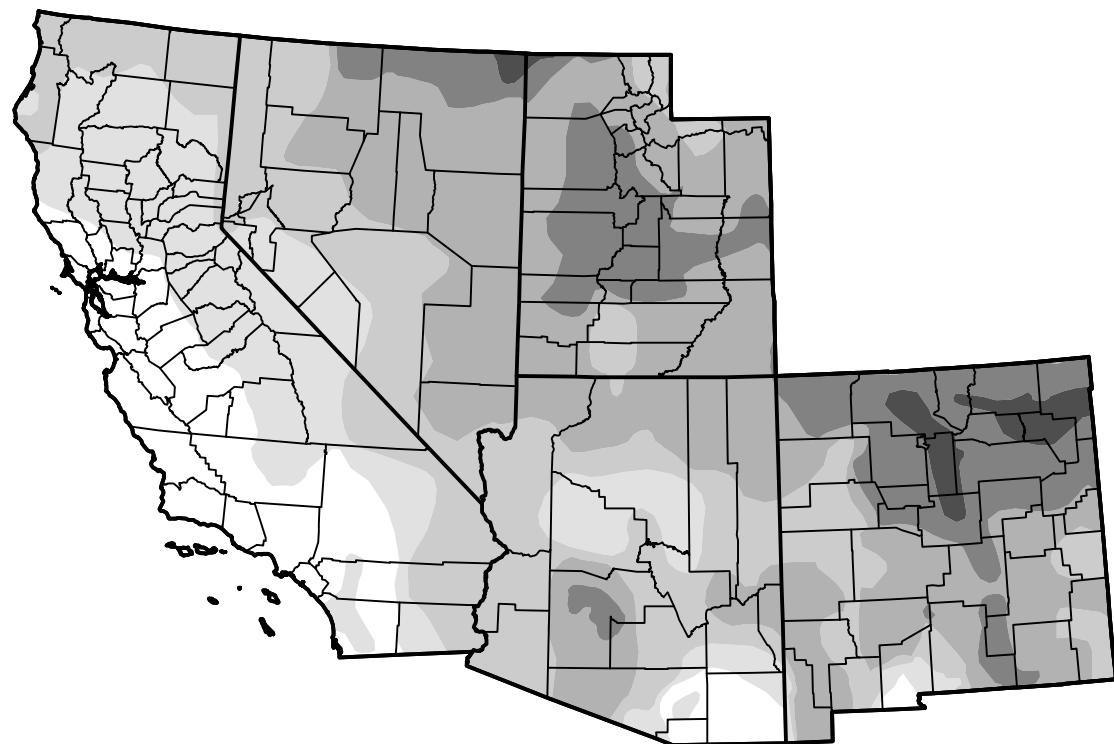


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

September 15, 2026
 (Released Thursday, Sep. 17, 2026)
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.63	88.37	71.74	46.49	14.90	1.80
Last Week <i>09-08-2026</i>	11.62	88.38	70.46	46.43	14.34	1.76
3 Months Ago <i>06-16-2026</i>	12.43	87.57	65.95	51.09	12.96	0.46
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>09-16-2025</i>	11.51	88.49	70.81	53.59	14.62	1.08

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>

U.S. and Puerto Rico Author:

David Mocko
 NASA/GSFC/SSAI

Pacific Islands and Virgin Islands Author:

Lindsay Johnson
 National Drought Mitigation Center

