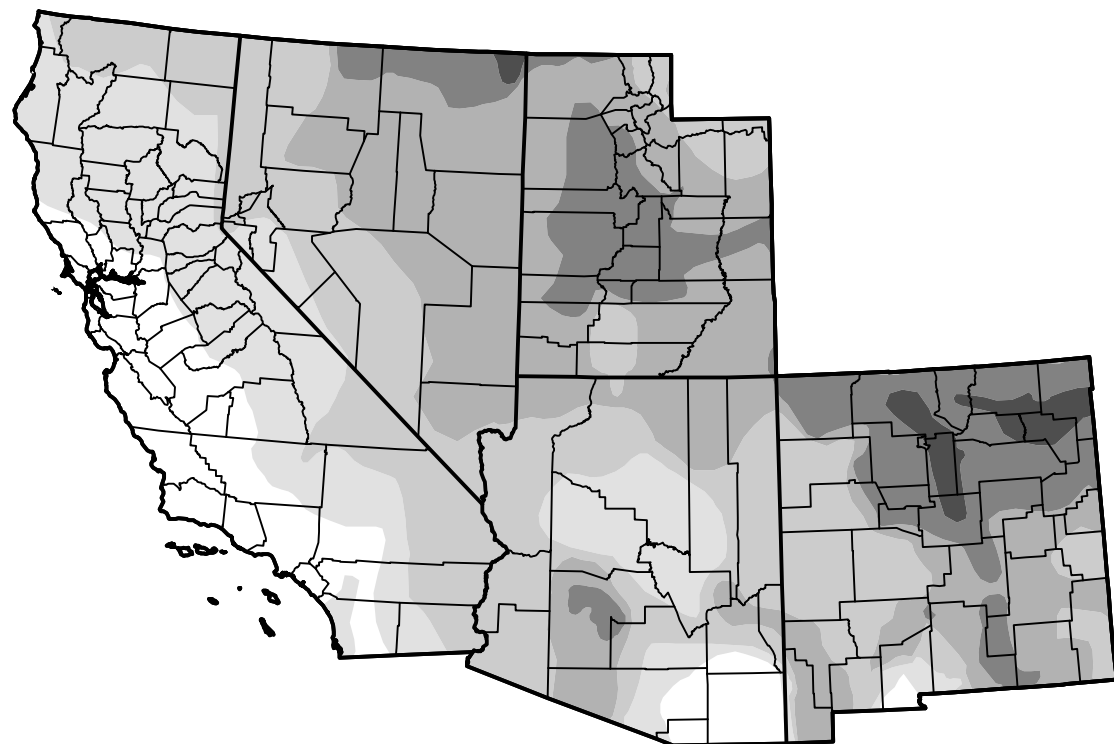


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.89	17.99	28.43	28.11	12.85	1.74
Last Week <i>09-15-2026</i>	11.63	16.62	25.25	31.60	13.09	1.80
3 Months Ago <i>06-23-2026</i>	12.73	21.33	14.86	37.95	12.69	0.46
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>09-23-2025</i>	11.81	15.12	21.96	38.49	11.79	0.83

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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