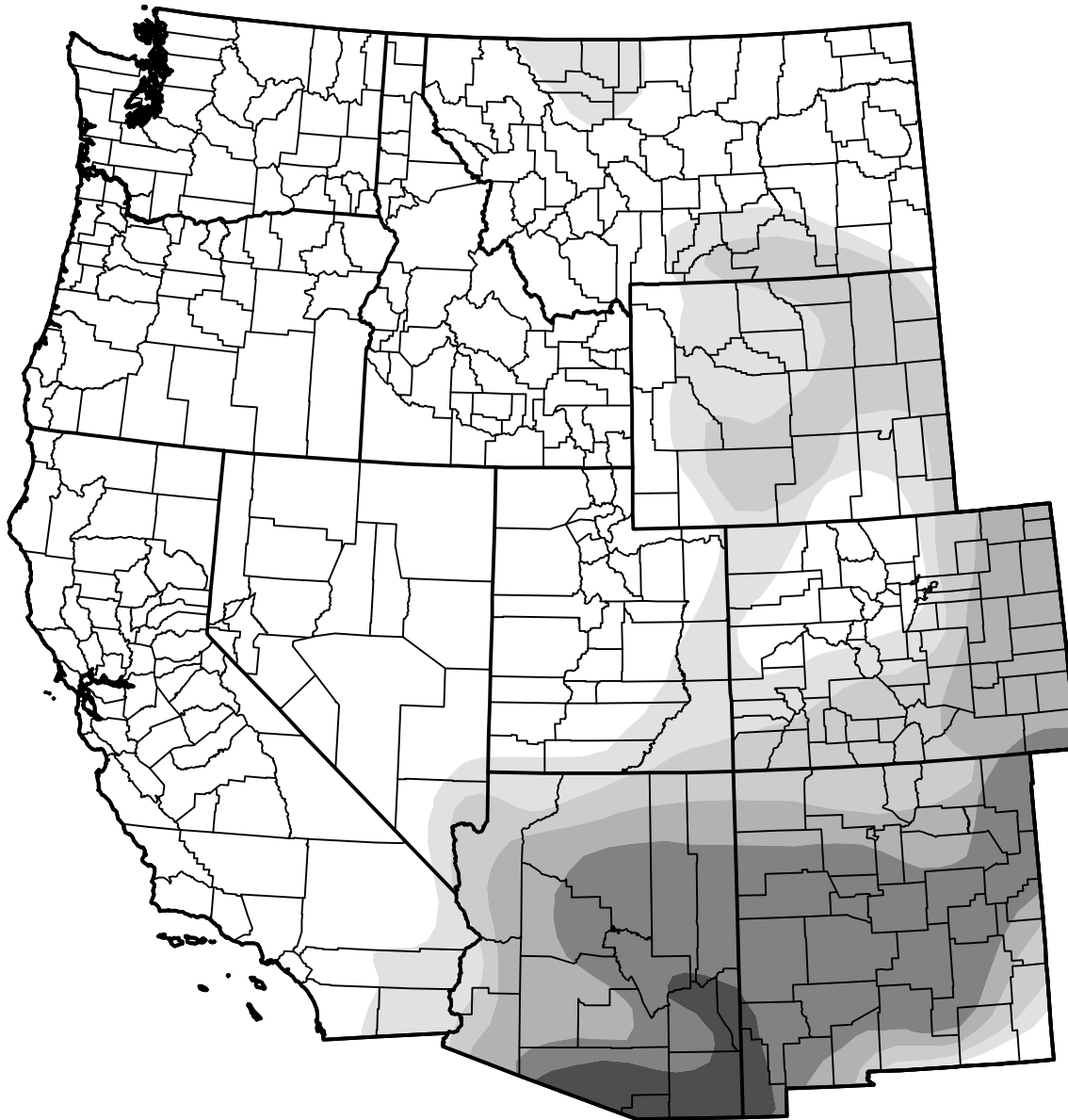


U.S. Drought Monitor

West

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 61.81 | 38.19 | 28.02 | 18.60 | 11.29 | 1.68 |
| Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i> | 61.79 | 38.21 | 27.95 | 18.16 | 11.22 | 1.48 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i> | 59.39 | 40.61 | 24.90 | 9.57 | 3.76 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i> | 57.59 | 42.41 | 14.39 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i> | 45.73 | 54.27 | 30.88 | 11.63 | 0.96 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>05-17-2005</i> | 47.79 | 52.21 | 40.22 | 22.88 | 4.73 | 0.00 |

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

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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