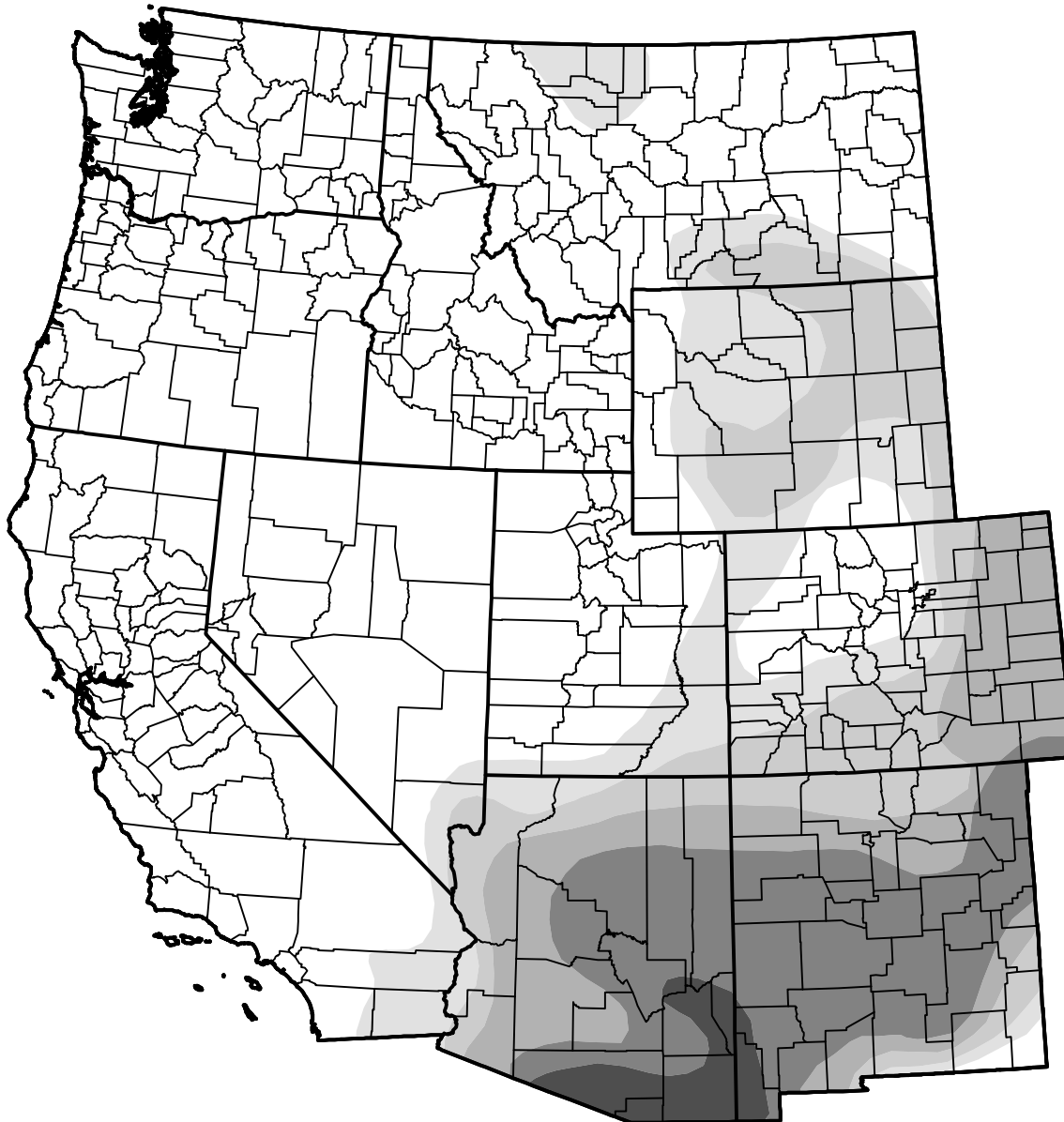


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	61.81	10.17	9.41	7.31	9.60	1.68
Last Week <i>05-09-2006</i>	61.79	10.25	9.80	6.94	9.73	1.48
3 Months Ago <i>02-14-2006</i>	59.39	15.72	15.33	5.81	3.76	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	57.59	28.01	14.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	45.73	23.39	19.25	10.67	0.96	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-17-2005</i>	47.79	12.00	17.33	18.15	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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