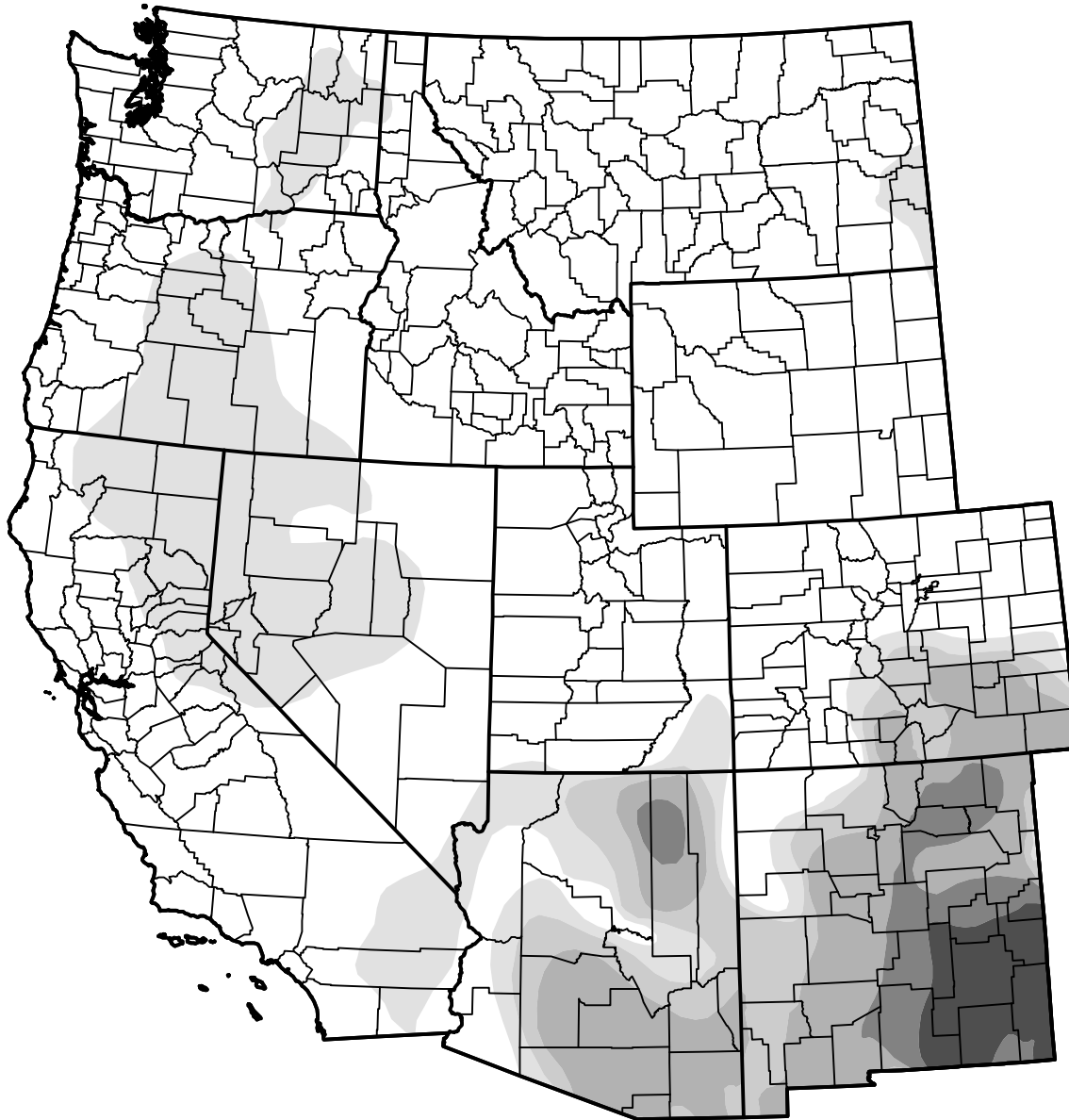


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

**December 20, 2011**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	66.71	33.29	17.00	12.22	4.16	1.82
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-13-2011</i>	66.66	33.34	18.06	14.36	6.96	1.85
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-20-2011</i>	73.65	26.35	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.81
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-04-2011</i>	74.72	25.28	11.69	0.89	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	66.72	33.28	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.81
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-21-2010</i>	68.16	31.84	13.00	0.89	0.00	0.00

***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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