

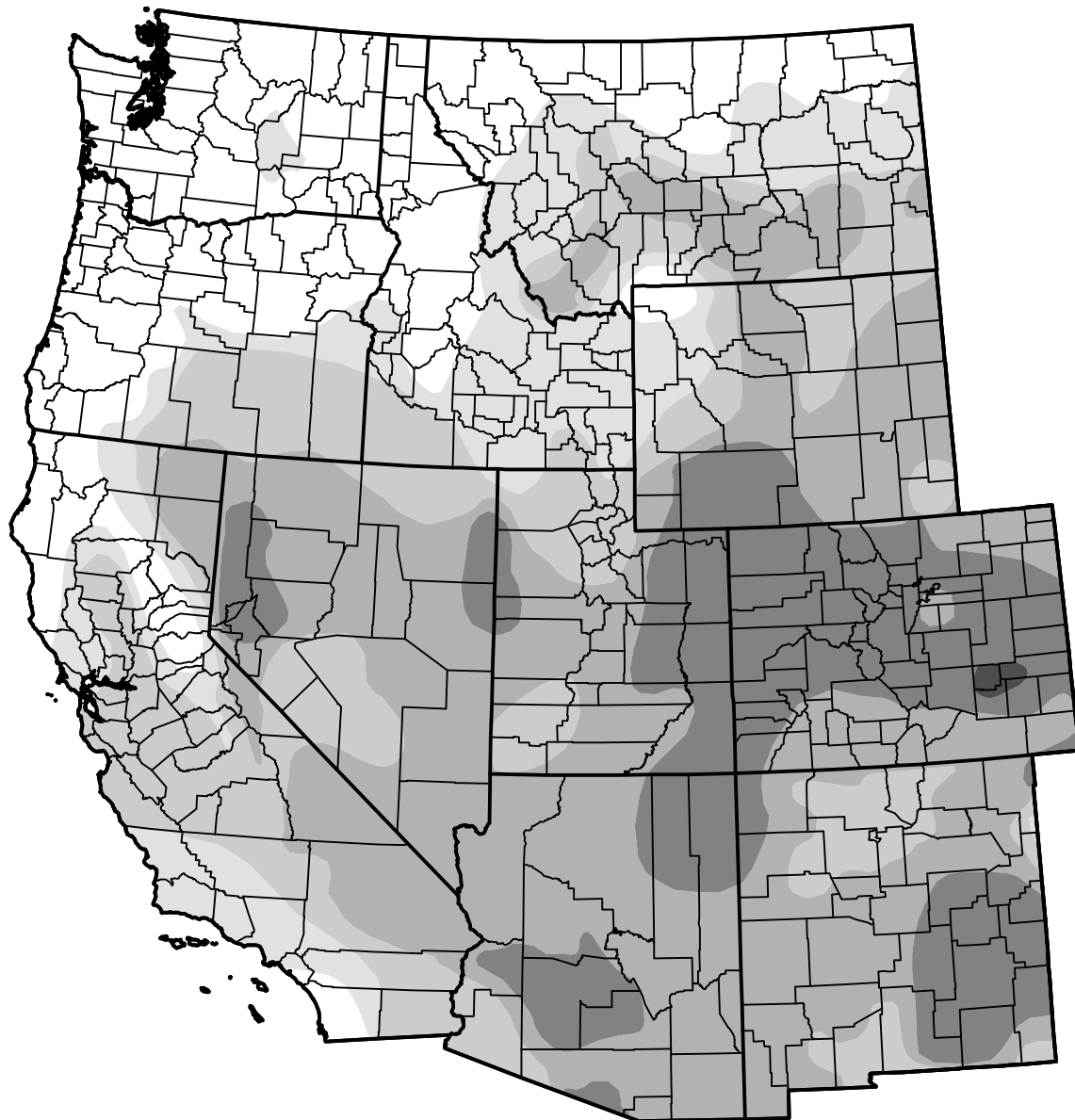
# U.S. Drought Monitor West

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	20.03	12.32	18.65	33.12	15.72	0.16
<b>Last Week</b> <i>07-10-2012</i>	20.09	15.00	18.13	30.91	15.39	0.48
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>04-17-2012</i>	32.80	20.28	22.78	20.37	2.86	0.91
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.20	21.75	16.21	9.17	1.89	0.78
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2011</i>	66.72	14.24	4.05	5.69	5.49	3.81
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>07-19-2011</i>	74.71	6.28	3.49	4.48	5.44	5.59



***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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