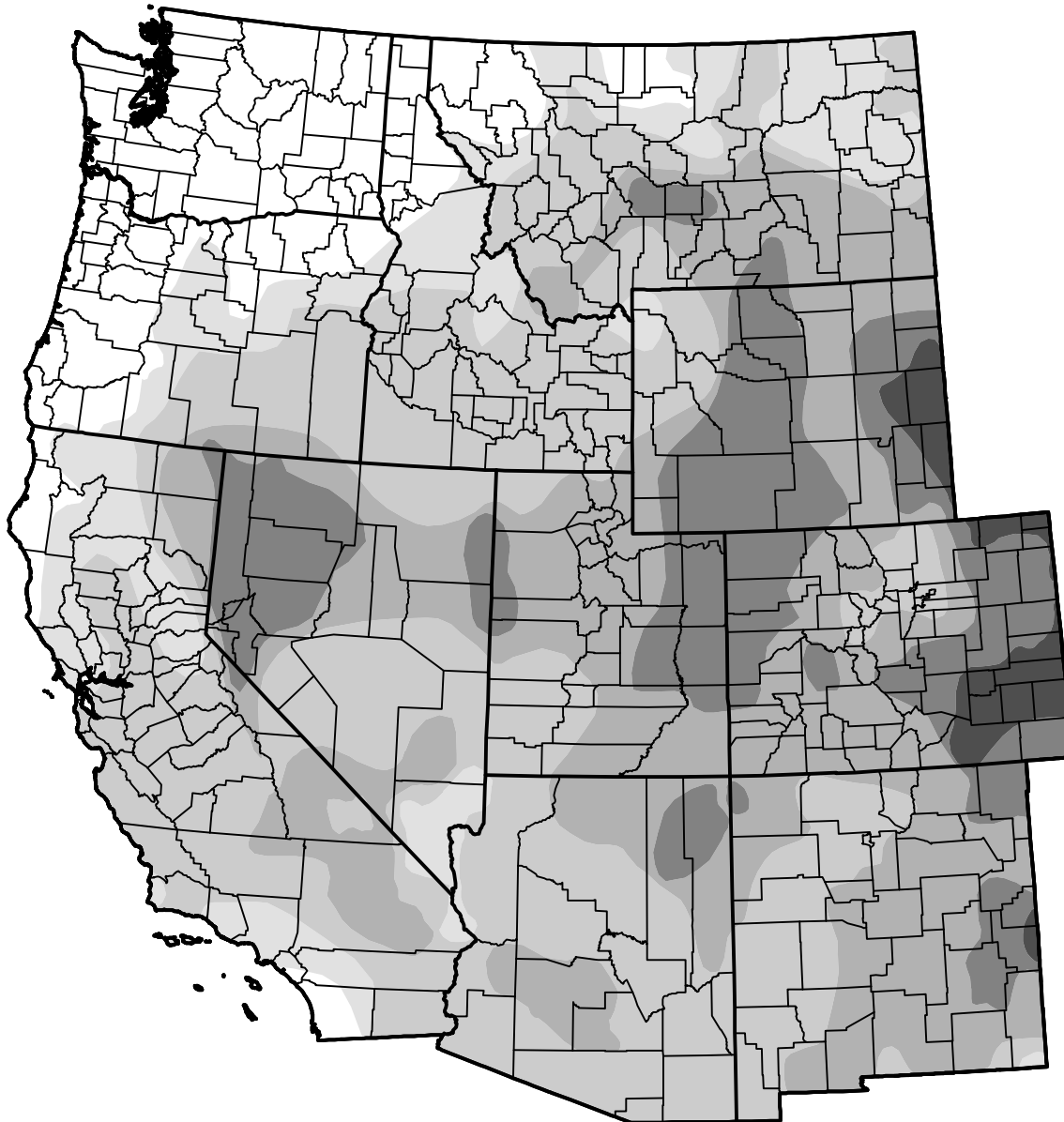


U.S. Drought Monitor

Western U.S.

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	13.22	10.56	33.59	26.84	13.86	1.93
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	9.74	13.06	34.25	26.90	14.12	1.93
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	20.03	12.32	18.65	33.12	15.72	0.16
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	50.20	21.75	16.21	9.17	1.89	0.78
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	15.12	7.73	33.50	26.79	15.08	1.77
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	74.71	6.98	3.64	6.20	5.61	2.87

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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