

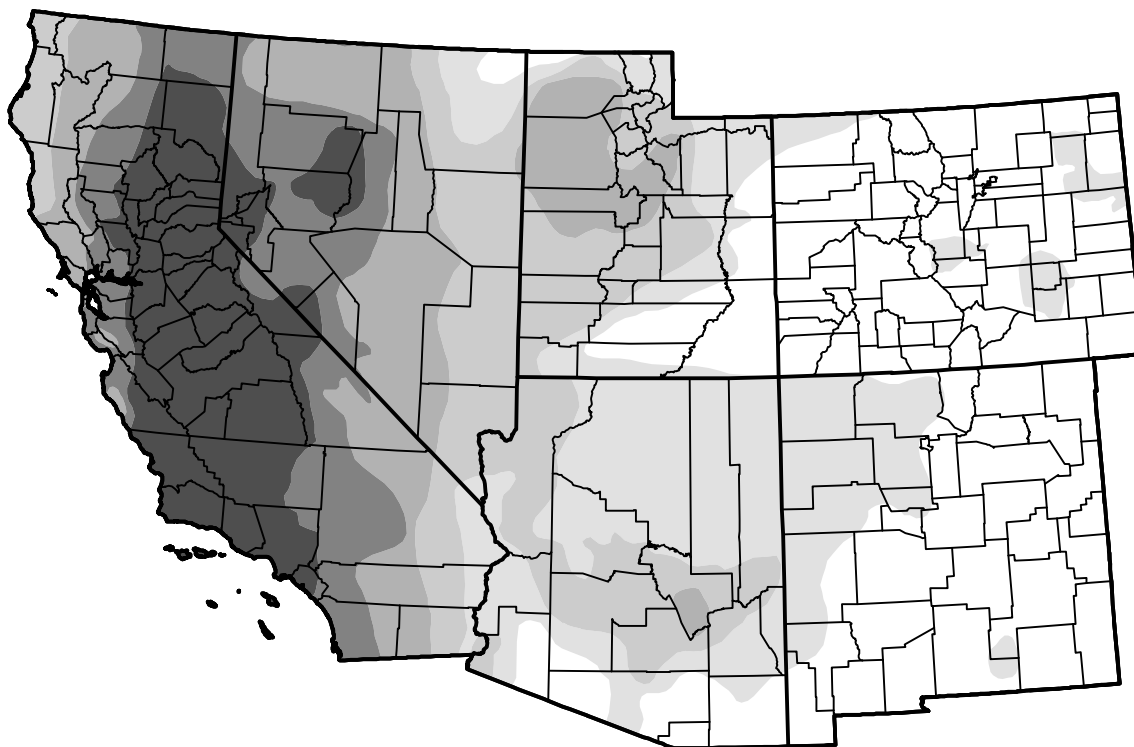
# U.S. Drought Monitor Southwest

**December 29, 2015**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	31.79	68.21	48.49	33.36	20.81	11.72
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-22-2015</i>	31.50	68.50	48.49	34.06	20.82	11.72
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	23.90	76.10	56.71	37.02	22.19	13.03
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	14.92	85.08	73.38	46.75	26.77	9.24
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2015</i>	23.90	76.10	56.71	37.02	22.19	13.03
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-30-2014</i>	14.92	85.08	73.38	46.75	26.77	9.24



***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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