U.S. Drought Monitor

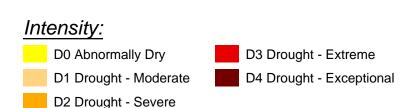
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

West

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

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	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	37.2	62.8	26.5	9.0	2.0	0.0
Last Week (02/17/2009 map)	37.6	62.4	24.4	10.1	2.2	0.0
3 Months Ago (12/02/2008 map)	32.8	67.2	29.6	8.6	0.0	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/06/2009 map)	37.4	62.6	28.9	8.8	0.4	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/07/2008 map)	41.3	58.7	28.6	10.4	0.1	0.0
One Year Ago (02/26/2008 map)	37.8	62.2	37.0	16.6	0.0	0.0



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



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