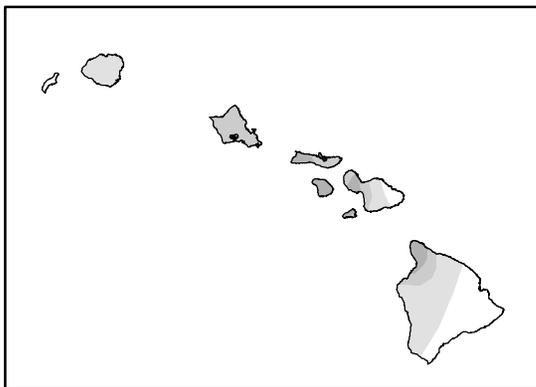
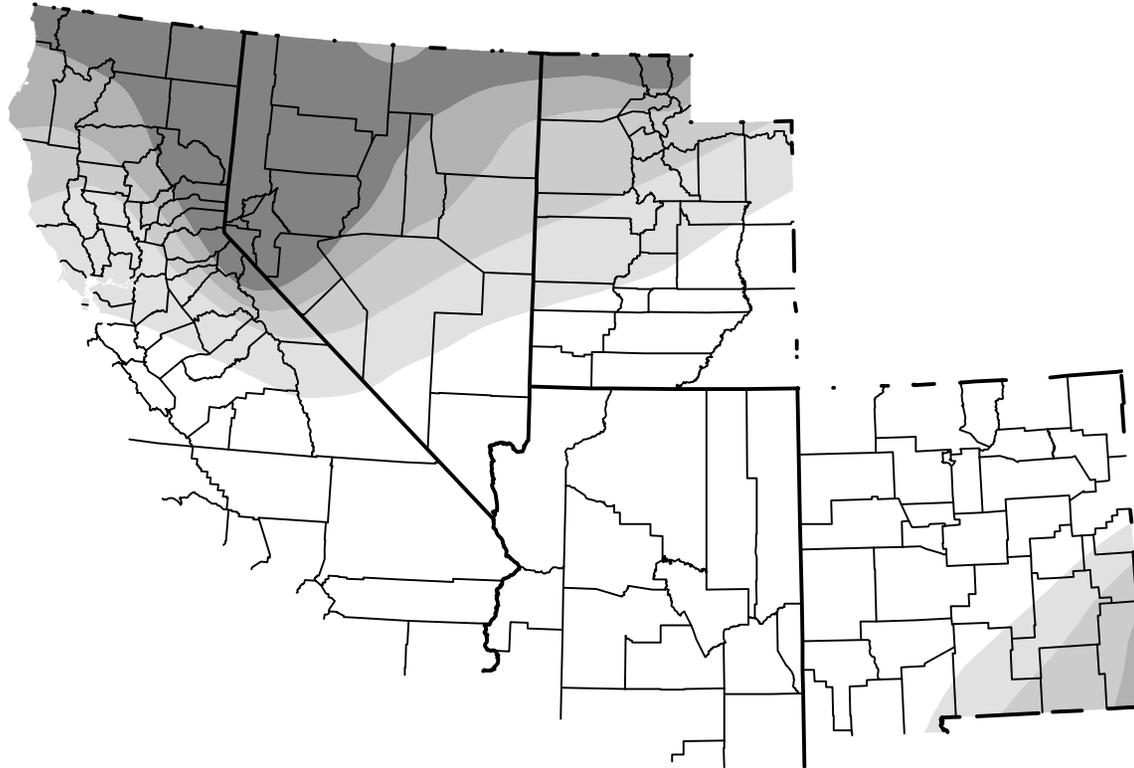


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.05	40.95	28.03	18.82	12.31	0.00
Last Week <i>08-16-2001</i>	57.96	42.04	26.71	17.99	10.52	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2001</i>	75.43	24.57	11.51	1.26	0.06	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2001</i>	83.72	16.28	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-28-2000</i>	38.83	61.17	25.82	7.12	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-24-2000</i>	38.27	61.73	24.88	3.02	0.12	0.00

Intensity:



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

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