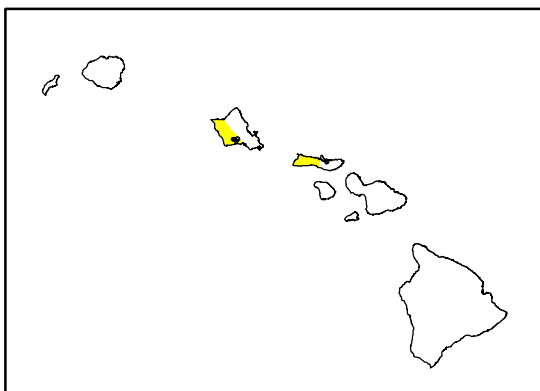
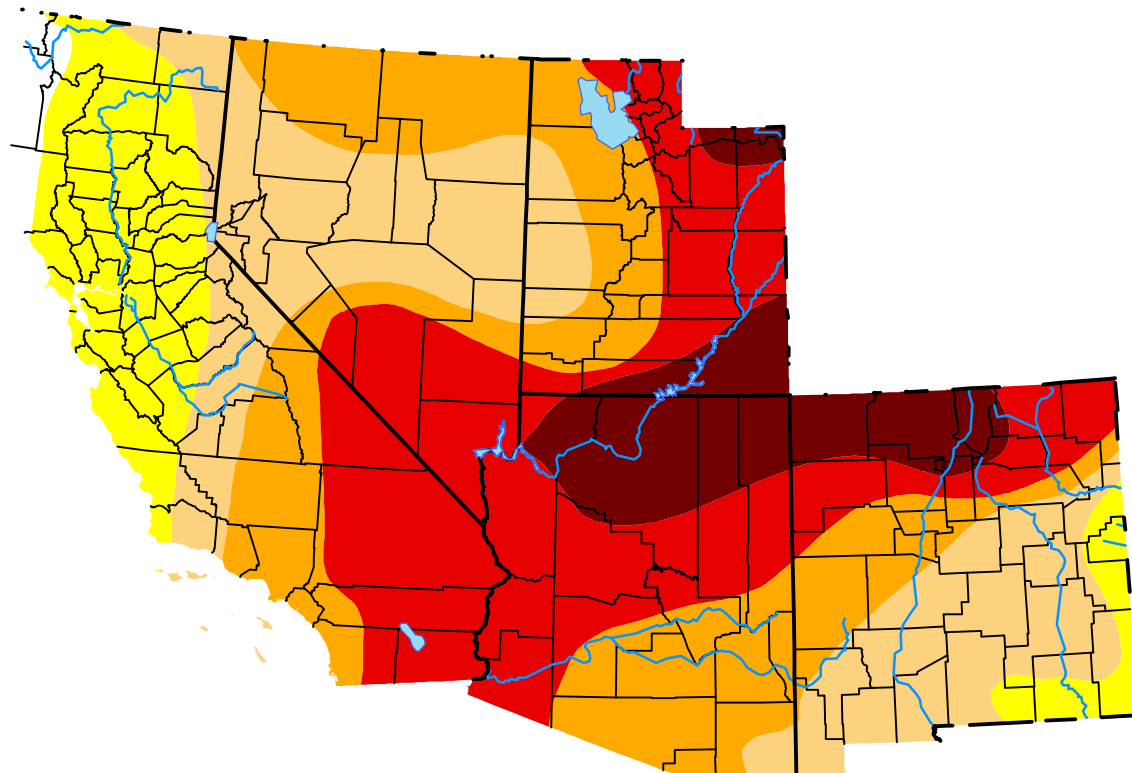


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.33	12.18	23.95	24.43	27.31	9.79
Last Week <i>08-15-2002</i>	2.33	11.20	24.82	23.86	27.98	9.82
3 Months Ago <i>05-23-2002</i>	15.94	11.83	14.26	23.64	34.33	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.07	13.29	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-23-2001</i>	59.05	12.92	9.21	6.51	12.31	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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

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