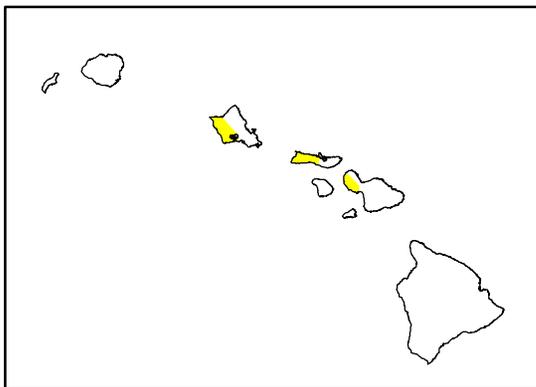
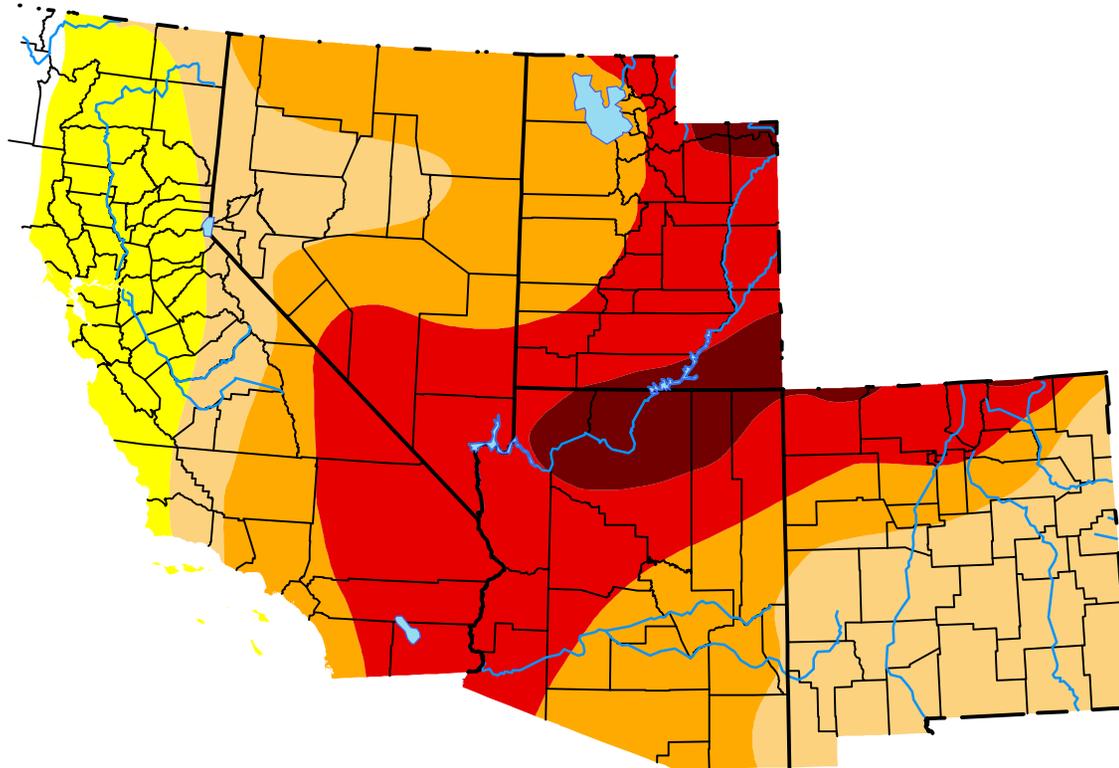


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	2.44	10.26	23.40	29.26	29.40	5.23
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-19-2002</i>	2.51	10.33	21.82	29.51	28.41	7.41
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-27-2002</i>	3.05	13.42	18.91	16.34	35.45	12.84
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	22.67	17.91	9.16	4.71	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.07	13.29	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-27-2001</i>	42.72	18.14	16.78	9.07	13.29	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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