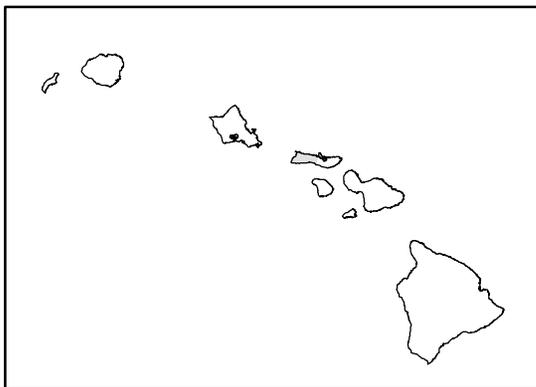
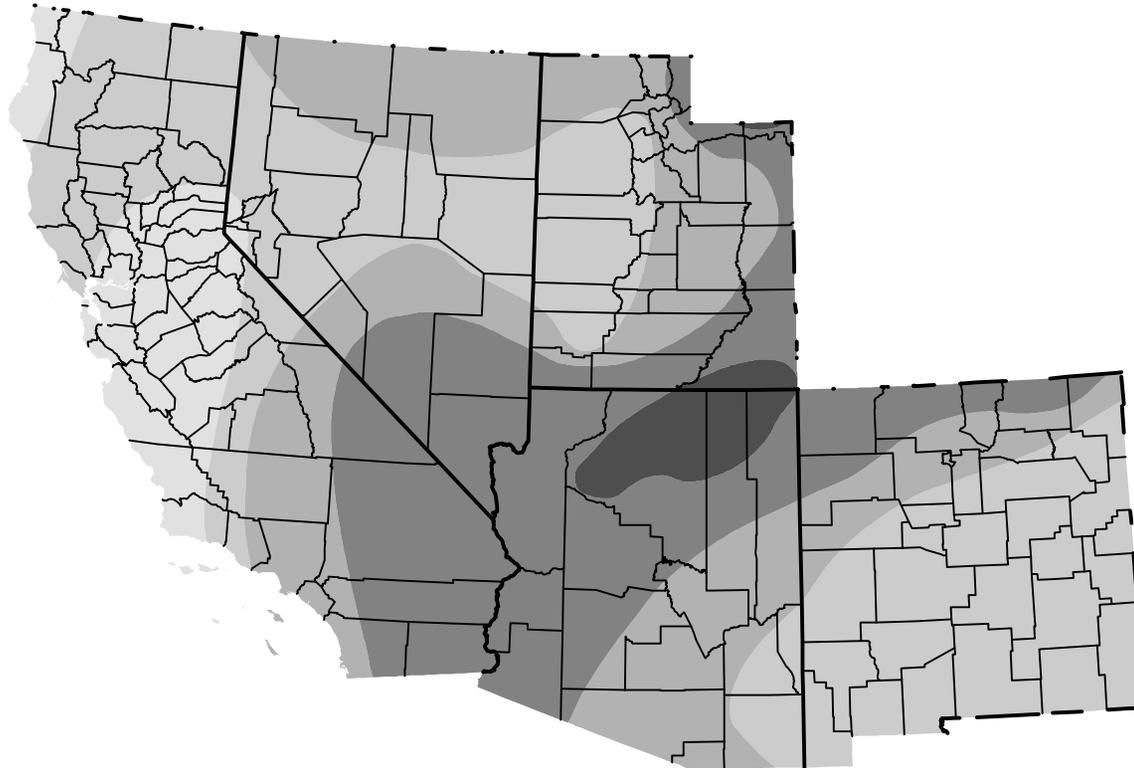


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.04	7.64	36.48	26.01	25.74	3.09
Last Week <i>10-17-2002</i>	0.94	8.09	36.42	25.89	25.61	3.05
3 Months Ago <i>07-25-2002</i>	2.51	10.42	21.92	13.08	35.86	16.21
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>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>10-25-2001</i>	41.73	18.25	17.22	9.62	13.19	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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