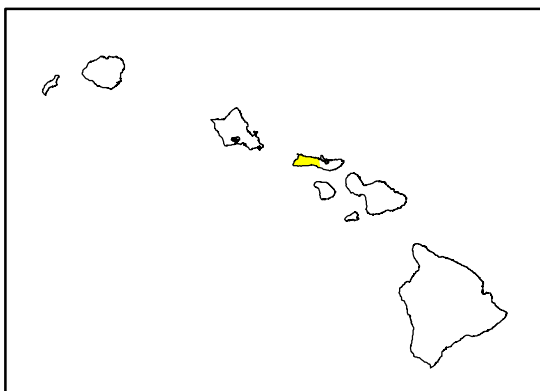
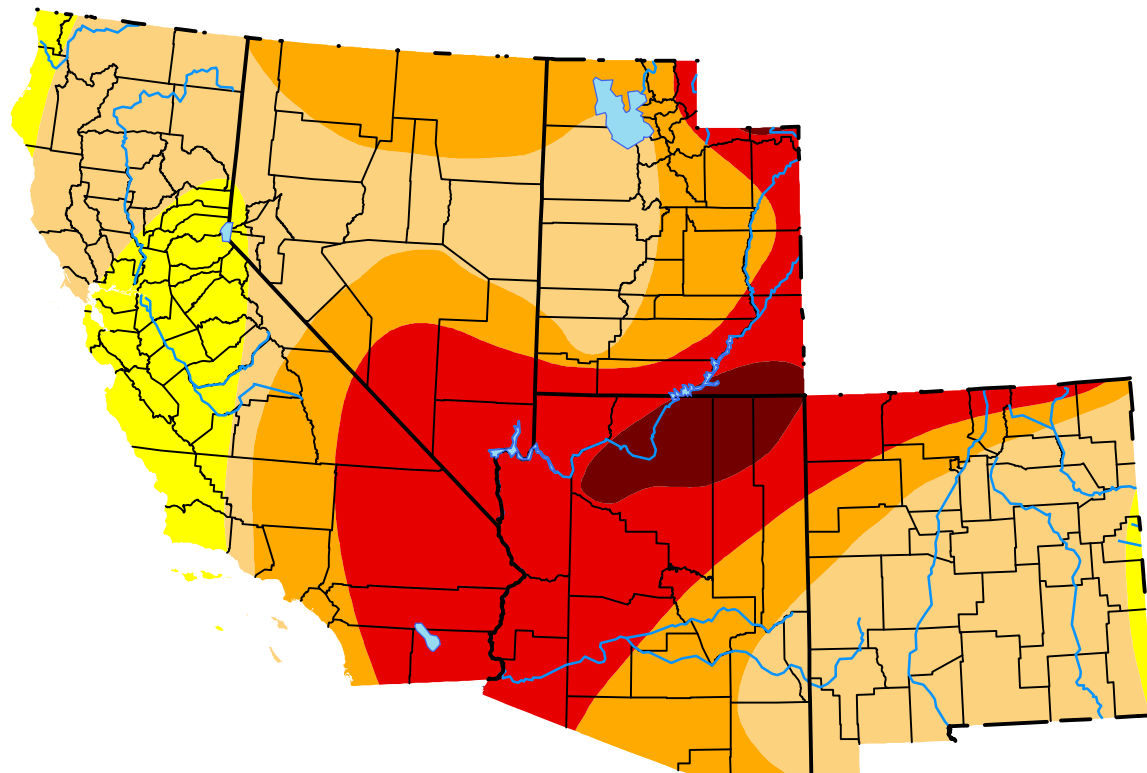


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**October 29, 2002**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 1.04  | 98.96 | 90.88 | 53.51 | 28.64 | 3.21  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-24-2002</i>              | 1.04  | 98.96 | 91.33 | 54.84 | 28.83 | 3.09  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>08-01-2002</i>           | 2.33  | 97.67 | 87.08 | 65.41 | 39.26 | 11.98 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2002</i> | 45.56 | 54.44 | 31.77 | 13.87 | 4.71  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2002</i>    | 2.56  | 97.44 | 85.89 | 60.73 | 32.47 | 4.53  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>11-01-2001</i>           | 37.12 | 62.88 | 42.72 | 22.55 | 12.99 | 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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