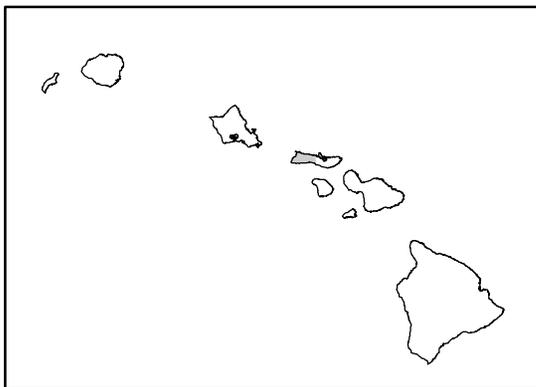
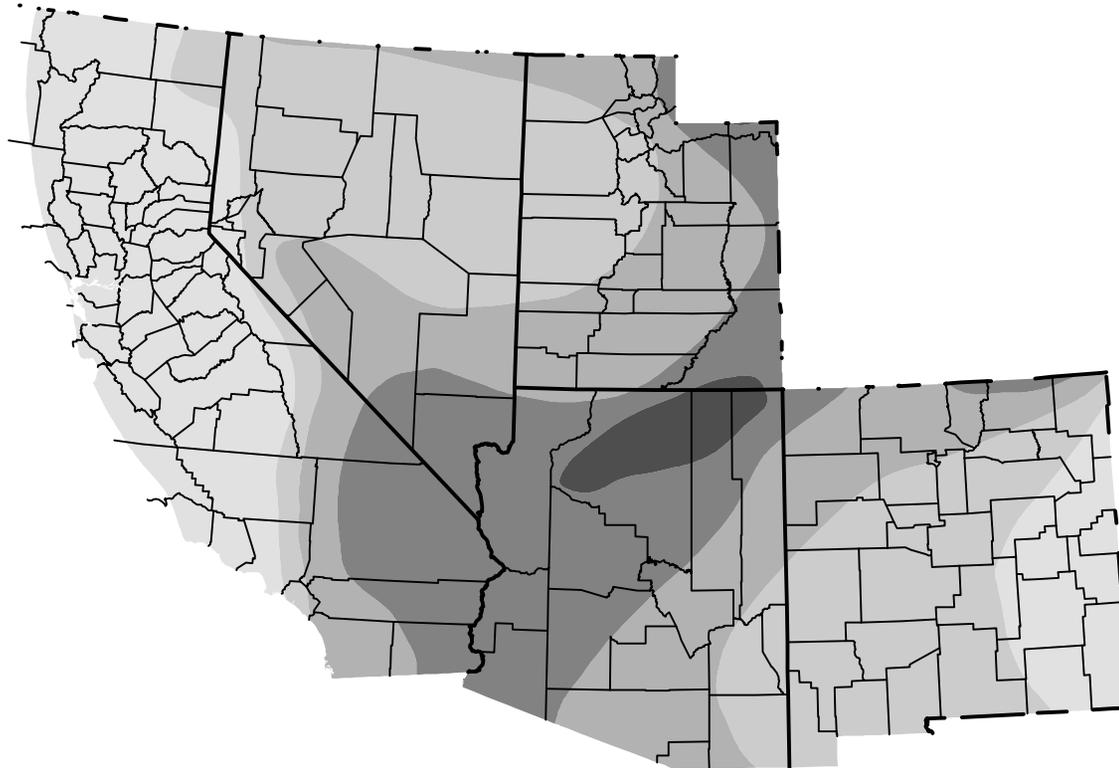


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**December 3, 2002**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	2.54	97.46	76.40	45.72	21.46	2.13
<b>Last Week</b> <i>11-27-2002</i>	2.35	97.65	76.89	45.74	22.73	2.22
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-05-2002</i>	2.41	97.59	85.57	66.18	38.05	9.73
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2002</i>	45.56	54.44	31.77	13.87	4.71	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-06-2001</i>	37.86	62.14	37.85	18.81	8.73	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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