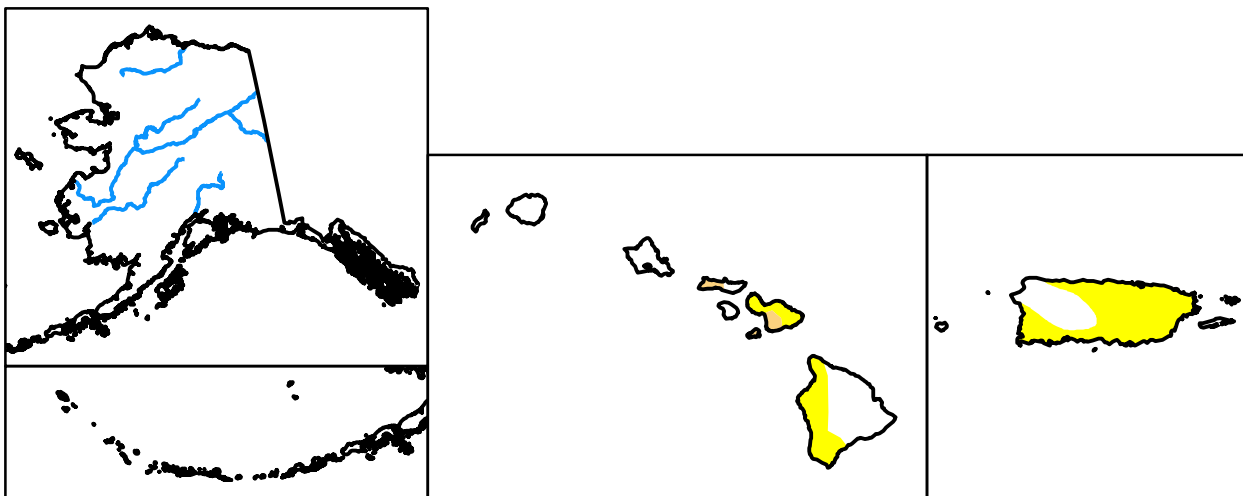
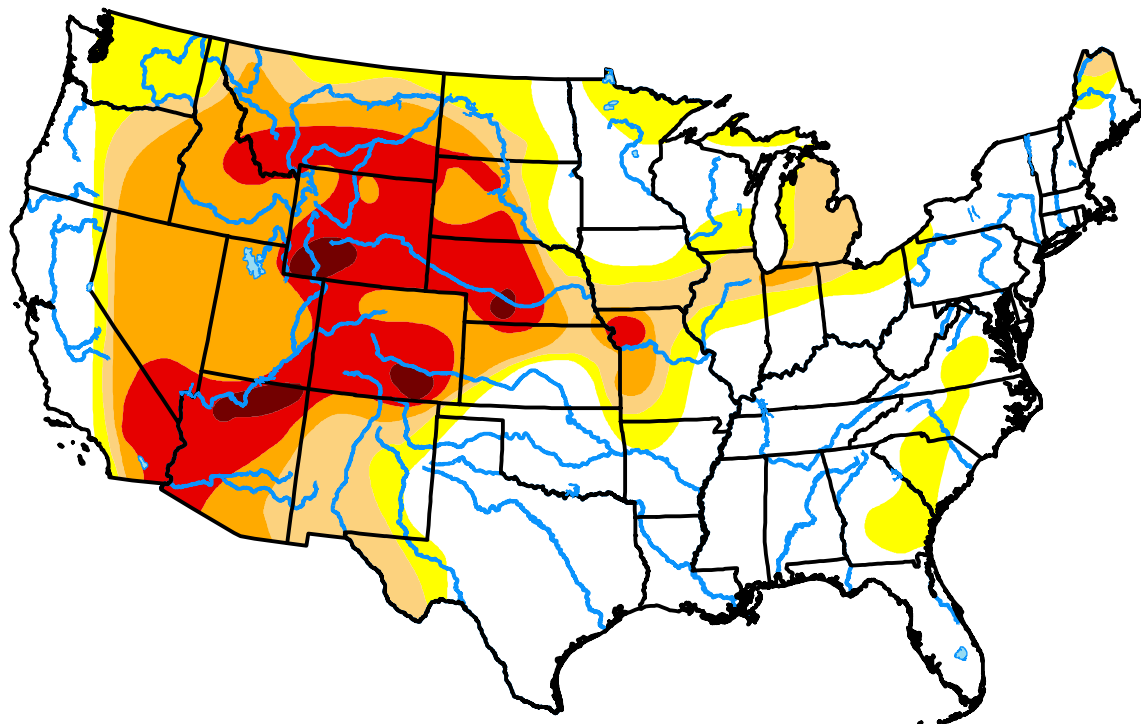


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.87	46.12	34.46	25.33	11.91	1.07
Last Week 12-24-2002	52.58	47.41	35.19	25.61	11.62	1.07
3 Months Ago 10-01-2002	40.72	59.27	40.59	27.89	14.90	2.62
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	55.28	44.71	30.62	18.97	7.31	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	40.72	59.27	40.59	27.89	14.90	2.62
One Year Ago 01-01-2002	55.28	44.71	30.62	18.97	7.31	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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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