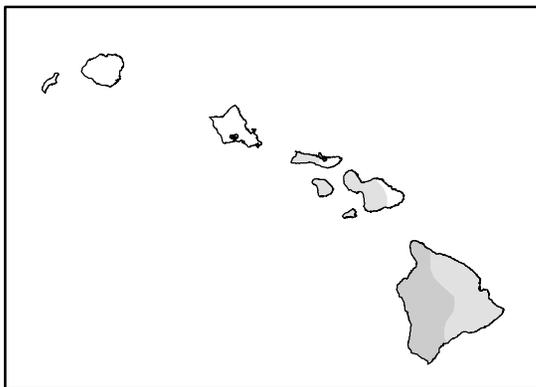
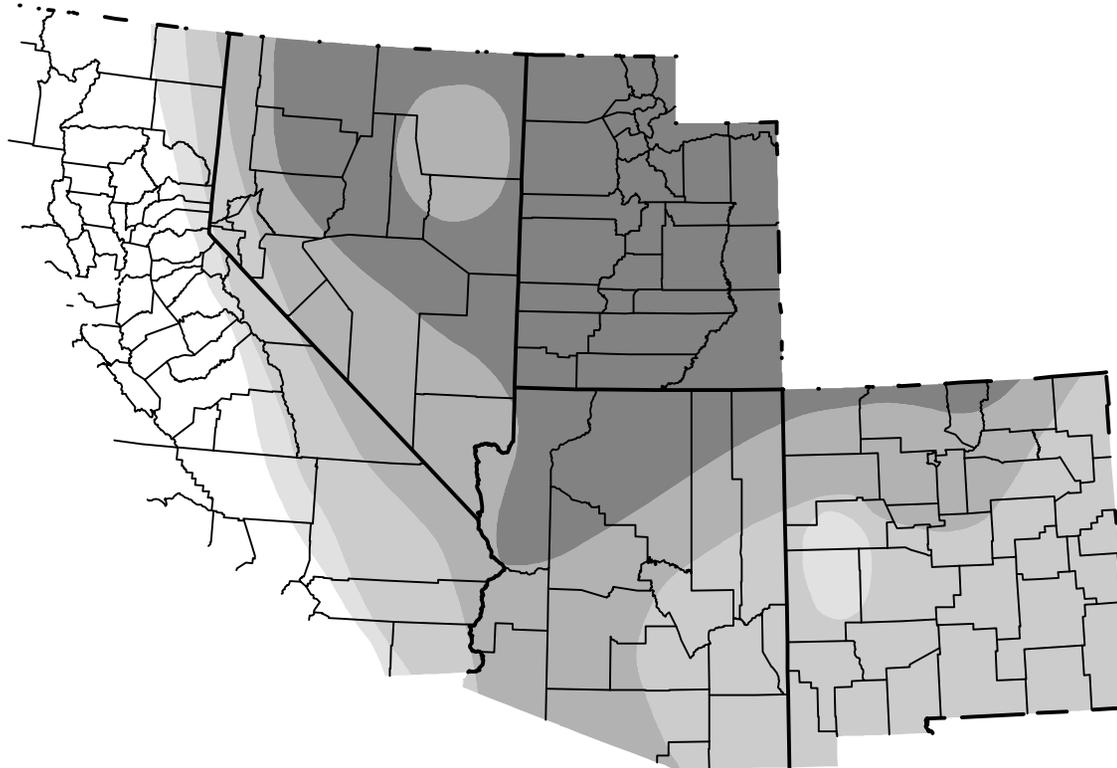


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	15.84	4.49	26.06	24.21	29.40	0.01
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-01-2003</i>	16.02	6.66	24.18	24.00	29.15	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-06-2003</i>	13.40	12.12	15.91	15.58	40.53	2.45
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-09-2002</i>	16.05	12.24	14.70	41.34	15.67	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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