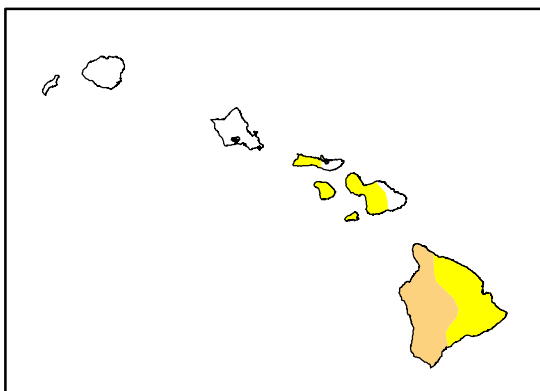
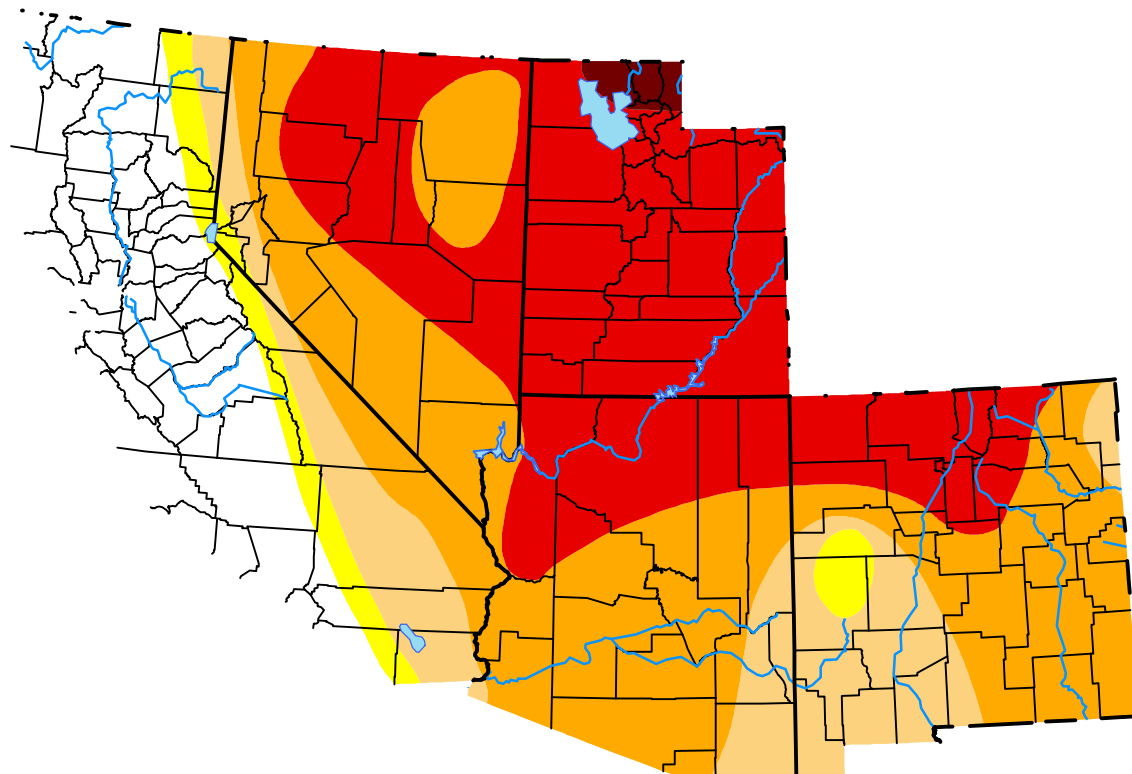


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**May 20, 2003**  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 17.29 | 4.27  | 13.54 | 31.91 | 32.25 | 0.75 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-15-2003</i>              | 17.20 | 4.26  | 23.31 | 23.16 | 31.32 | 0.75 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-20-2003</i>           | 16.58 | 7.43  | 16.49 | 18.37 | 39.70 | 1.44 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2003</i> | 18.08 | 7.73  | 15.93 | 36.52 | 19.37 | 2.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2002</i>    | 2.56  | 11.55 | 25.16 | 28.26 | 27.95 | 4.53 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-23-2002</i>           | 15.94 | 11.83 | 14.26 | 23.64 | 34.33 | 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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