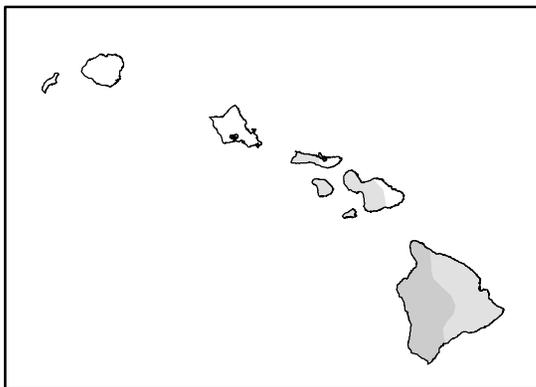
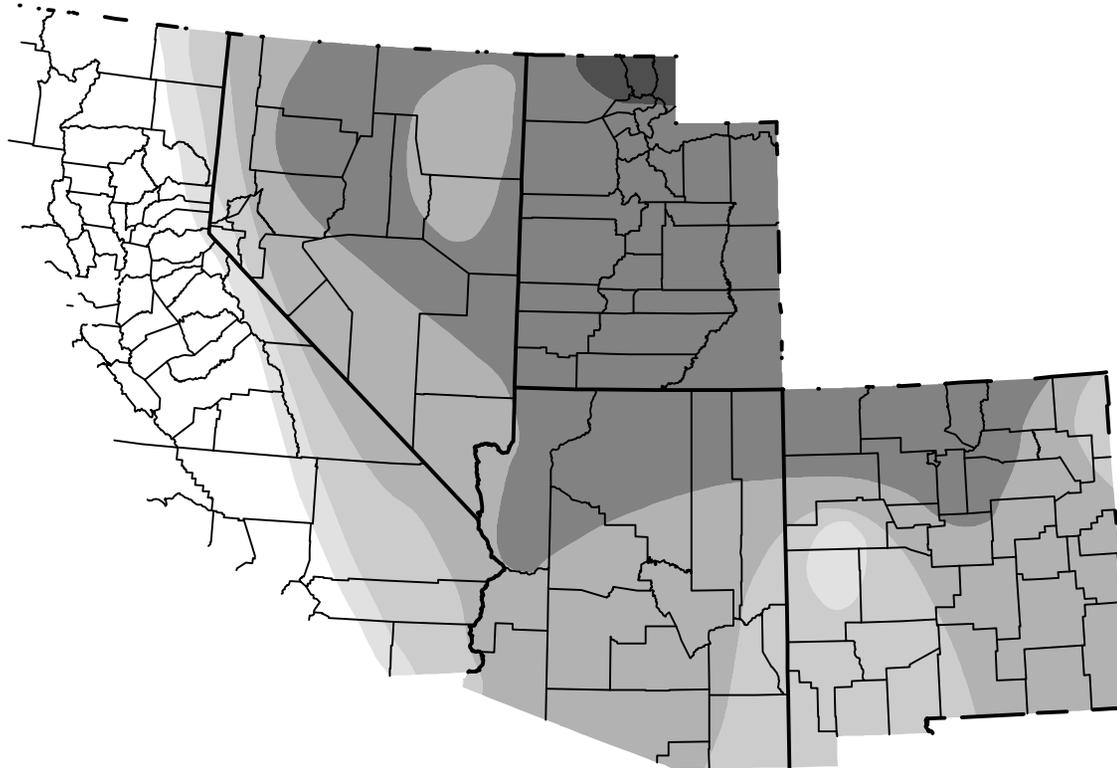


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	17.29	4.27	13.54	31.91	32.25	0.75
Last Week <i>05-15-2003</i>	17.20	4.26	23.31	23.16	31.32	0.75
3 Months Ago <i>02-20-2003</i>	16.58	7.43	16.49	18.37	39.70	1.44
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	7.73	15.93	36.52	19.37	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	11.55	25.16	28.26	27.95	4.53
One Year Ago <i>05-23-2002</i>	15.94	11.83	14.26	23.64	34.33	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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