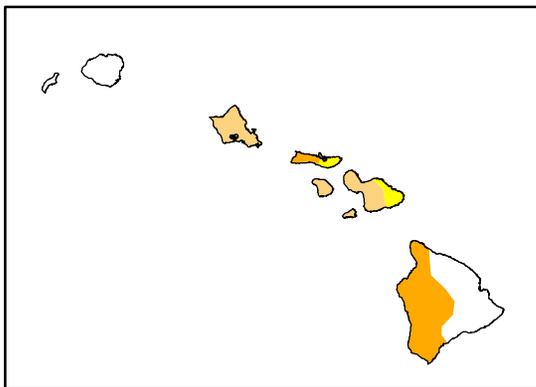
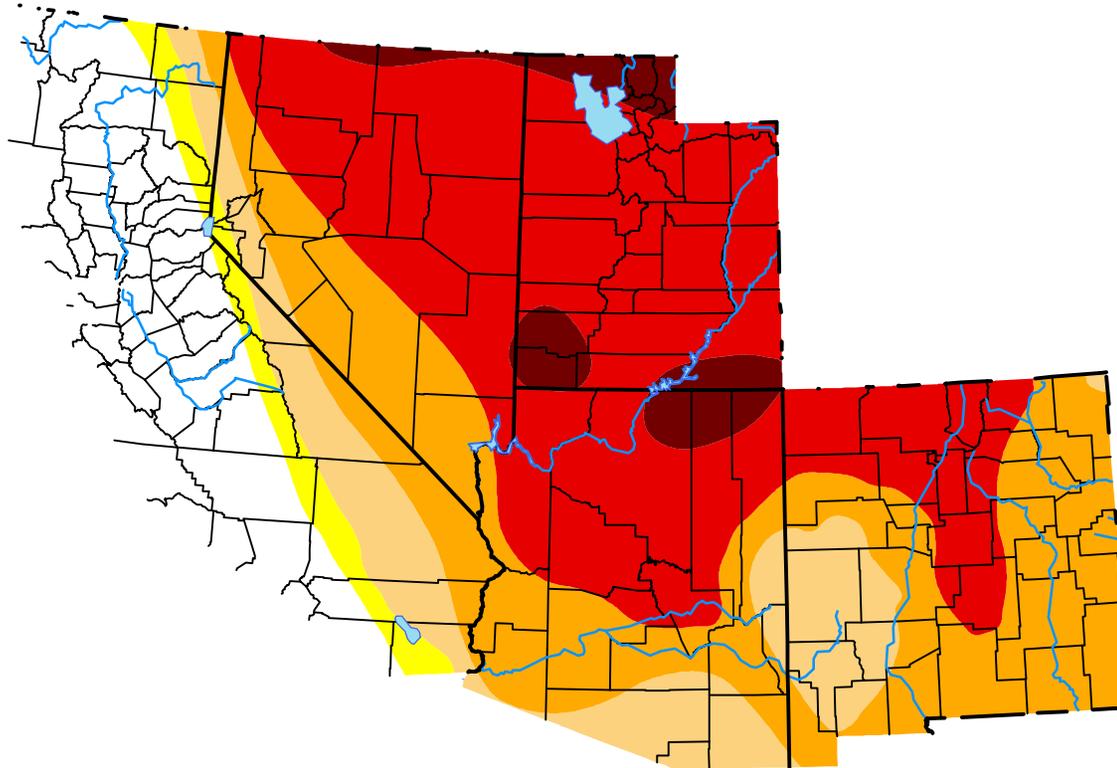


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	17.39	82.61	79.36	67.21	41.36	4.23
Last Week <i>08-07-2003</i>	17.23	82.77	79.70	66.36	40.92	4.47
3 Months Ago <i>05-15-2003</i>	17.20	82.80	78.55	55.24	32.08	0.75
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
One Year Ago <i>08-15-2002</i>	2.33	97.67	86.47	61.65	37.80	9.82

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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