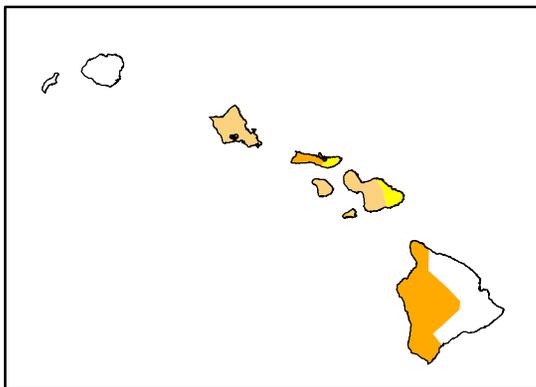
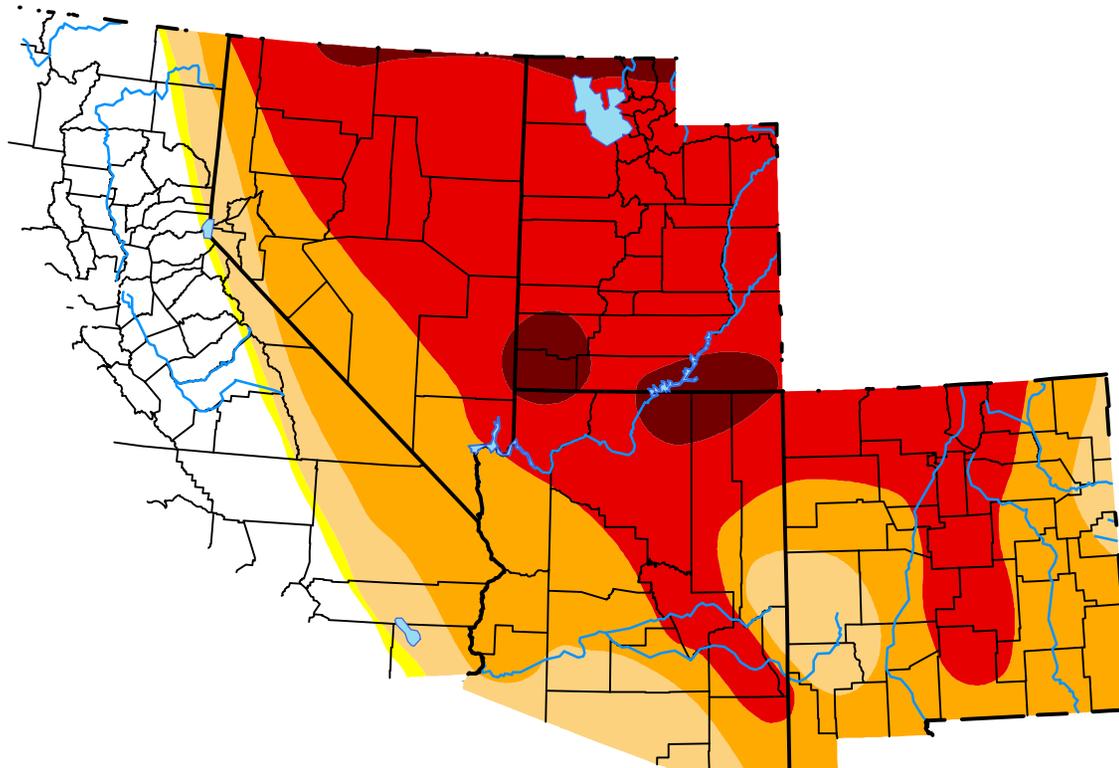


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	17.76	82.24	81.09	69.64	41.74	3.80
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-28-2003</i>	18.16	81.84	79.23	69.57	41.94	4.48
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-05-2003</i>	16.83	83.17	79.30	63.46	33.55	0.77
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2003</i>	18.08	81.92	74.19	58.26	21.74	2.37
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-03-2002</i>	2.56	97.44	85.89	60.73	32.47	4.53
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-05-2002</i>	2.41	97.59	85.57	66.18	38.05	9.73

Intensity:



*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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