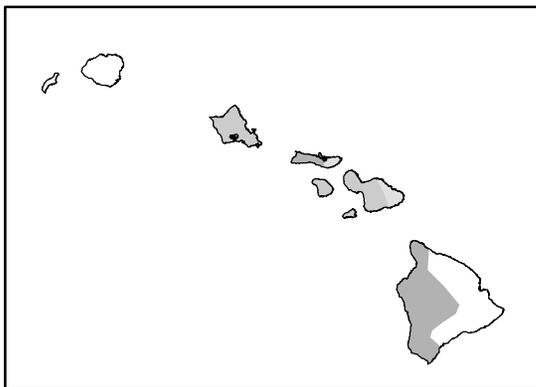
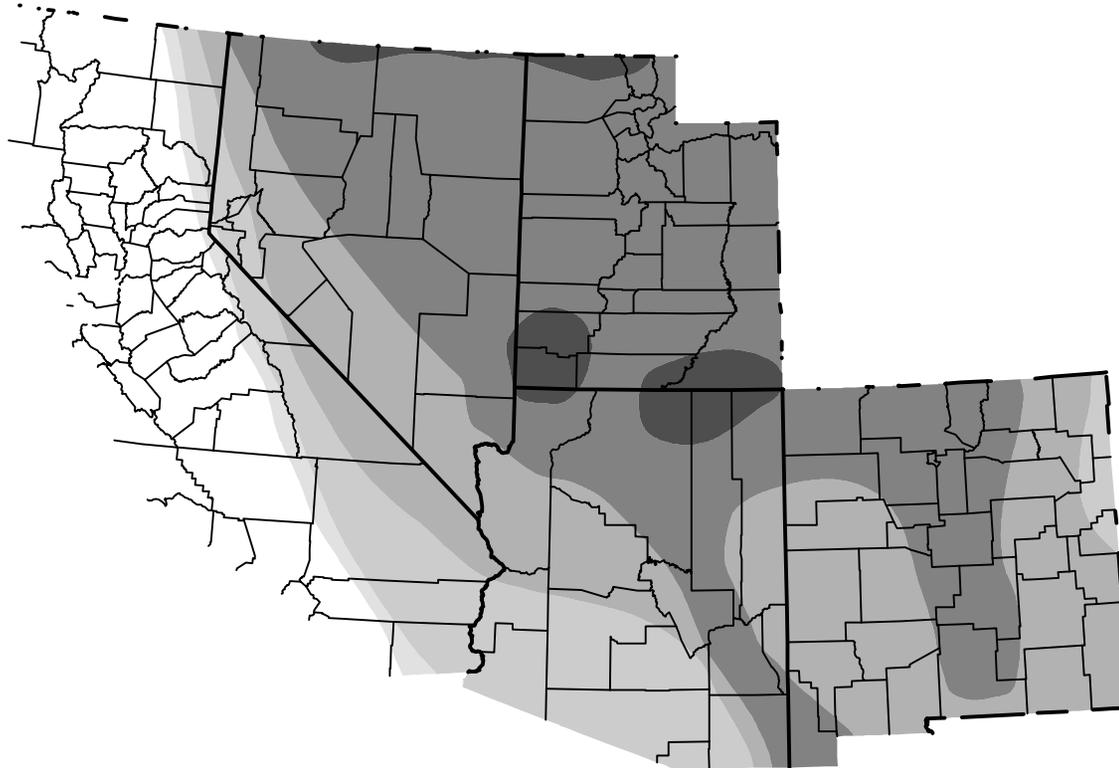


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	17.91	82.09	80.25	68.04	42.25	3.77
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-04-2003</i>	17.76	82.24	81.09	69.64	41.74	3.80
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-12-2003</i>	16.93	83.07	78.91	63.39	33.51	2.19
<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>09-12-2002</i>	2.34	97.66	86.98	68.19	36.61	8.08

***Intensity:***



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

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