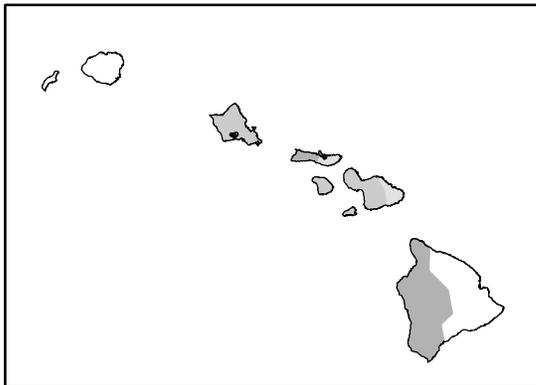
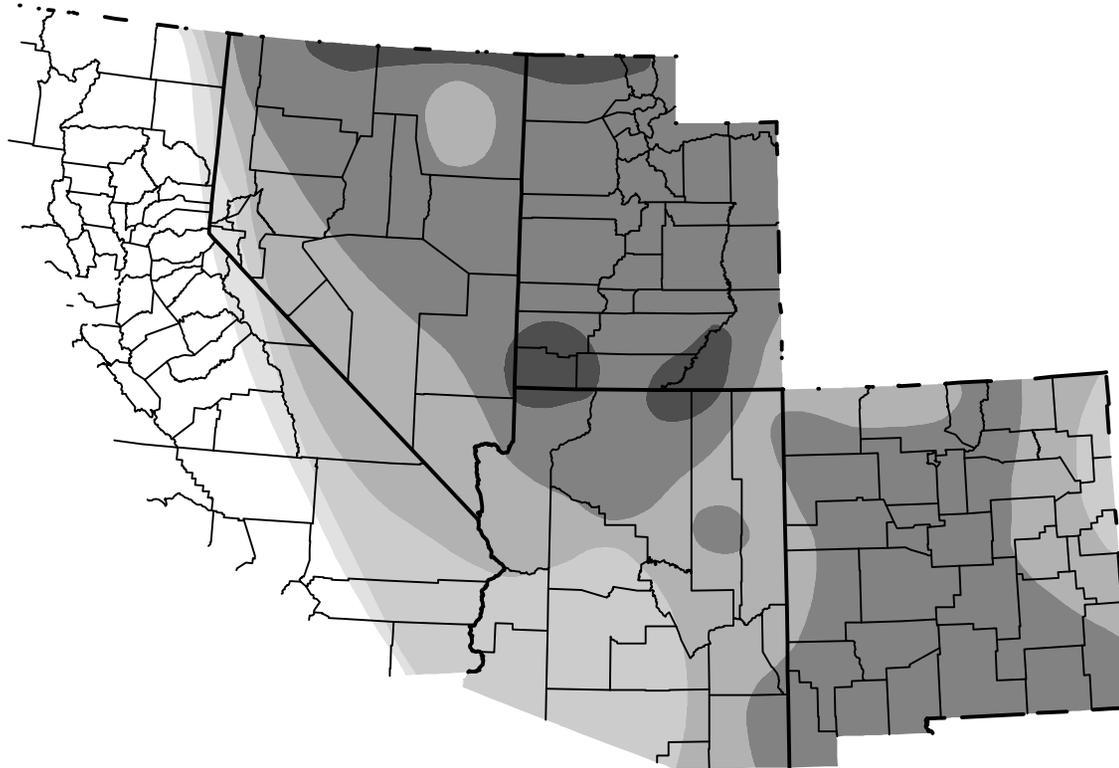


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	18.27	81.73	79.26	67.75	44.98	3.44
Last Week <i>09-11-2003</i>	17.91	82.09	80.25	68.04	42.25	3.77
3 Months Ago <i>06-19-2003</i>	16.96	83.04	78.92	62.82	37.09	2.24
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>09-19-2002</i>	2.51	97.49	87.15	65.33	35.82	7.41

Intensity:



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

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