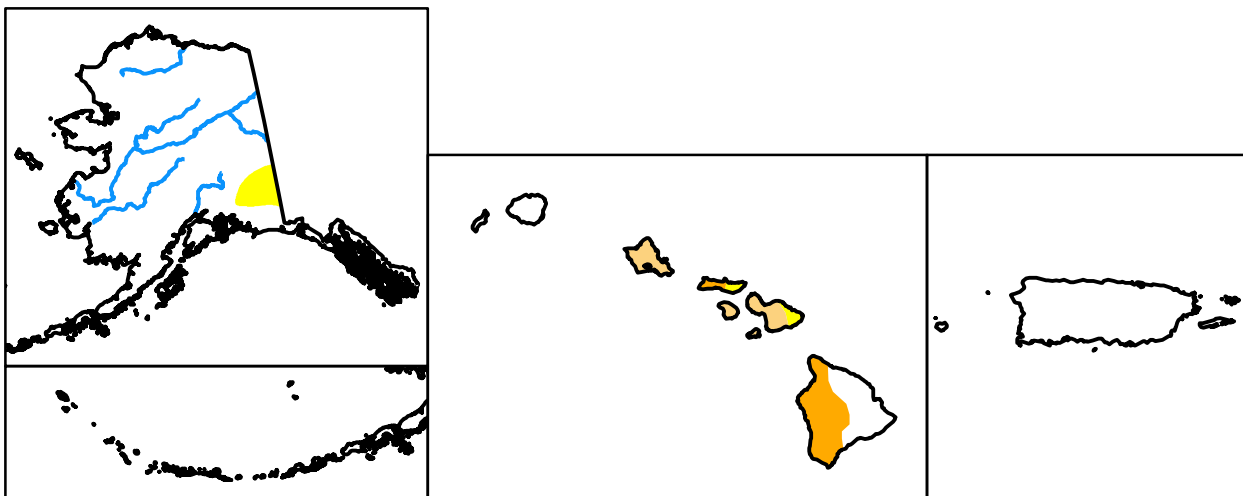
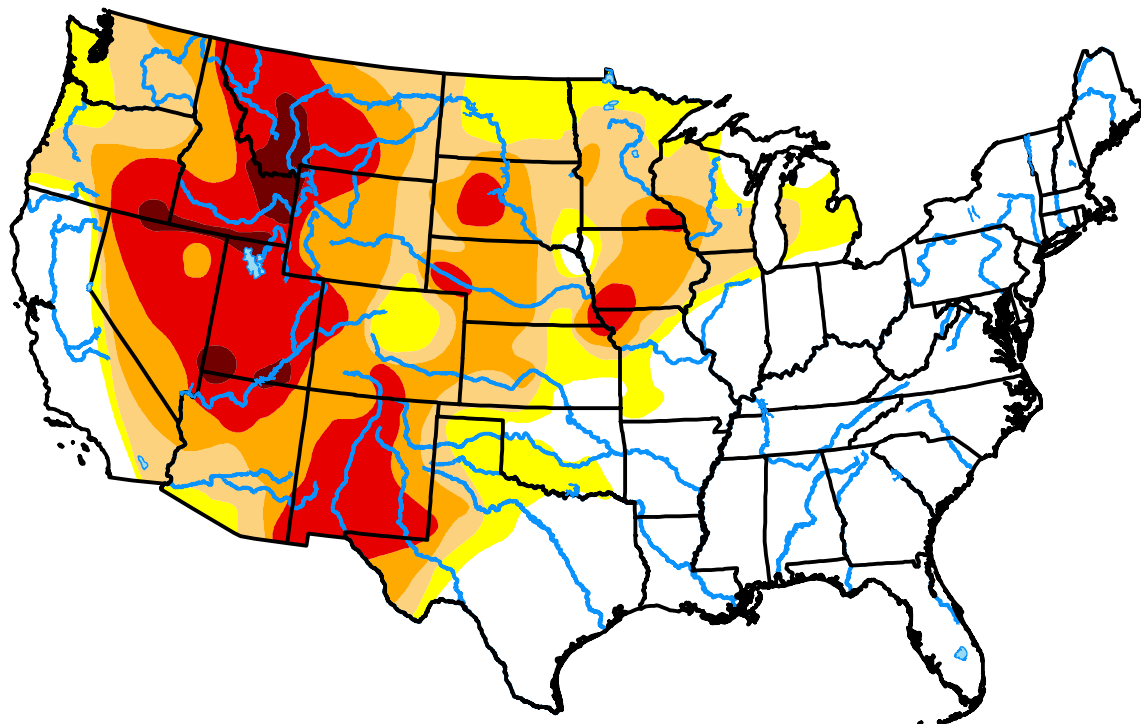


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.08	49.91	40.48	28.14	13.99	1.73
Last Week <i>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	51.93	40.51	27.73	14.10	1.75
3 Months Ago <i>07-08-2003</i>	57.18	42.81	24.76	18.65	9.57	0.68
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	53.87	46.12	34.46	25.33	11.91	1.07
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2003</i>	48.06	51.93	40.51	27.73	14.10	1.75
One Year Ago <i>10-08-2002</i>	40.46	59.52	41.94	27.04	14.09	1.75

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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