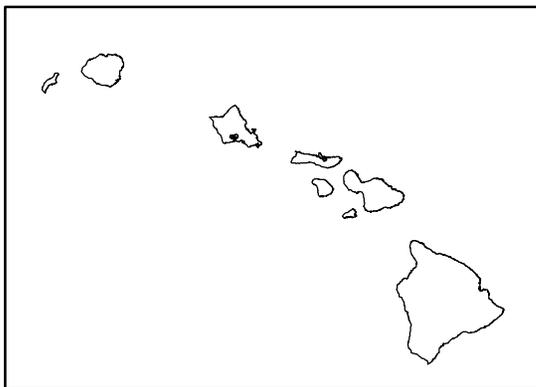
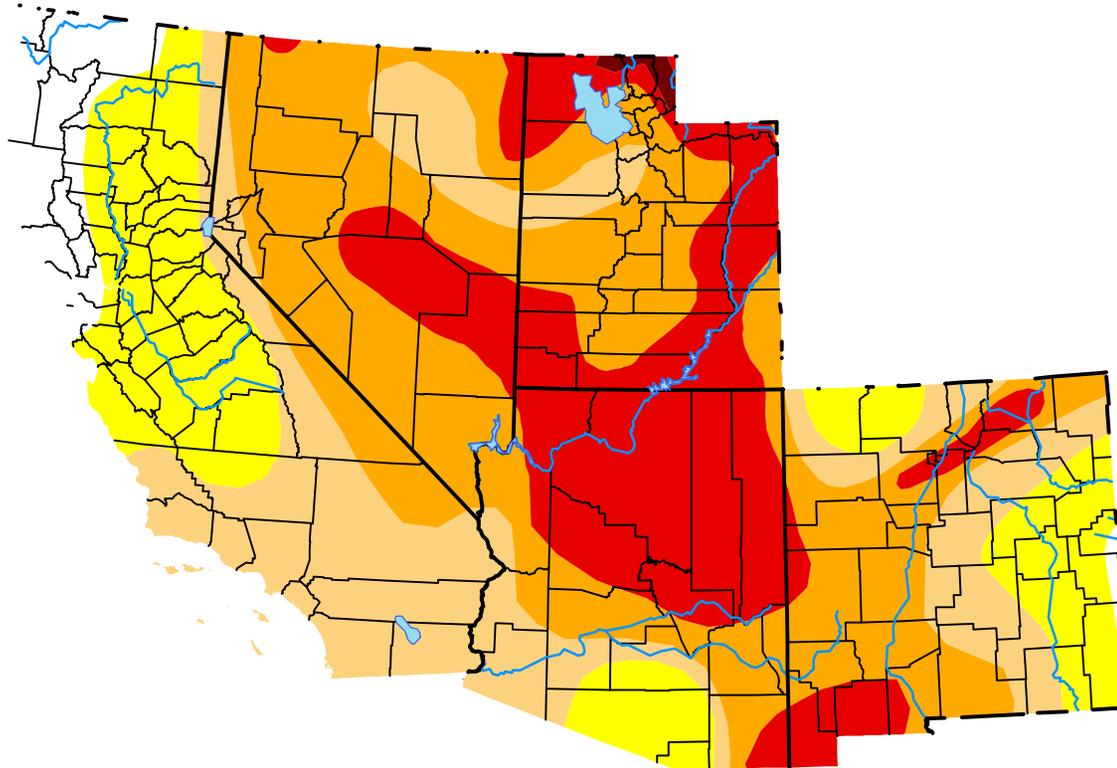


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.79	94.21	77.08	54.63	22.06	0.28
Last Week <i>04-29-2004</i>	9.09	90.91	70.87	54.16	21.95	0.28
3 Months Ago <i>02-05-2004</i>	18.95	81.05	72.93	66.42	40.05	9.82
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
One Year Ago <i>05-08-2003</i>	15.84	84.16	79.67	53.62	29.41	0.01

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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