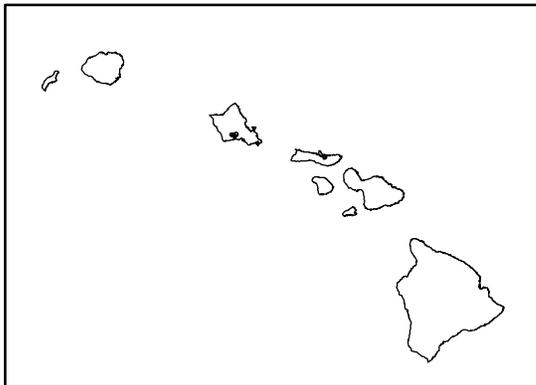
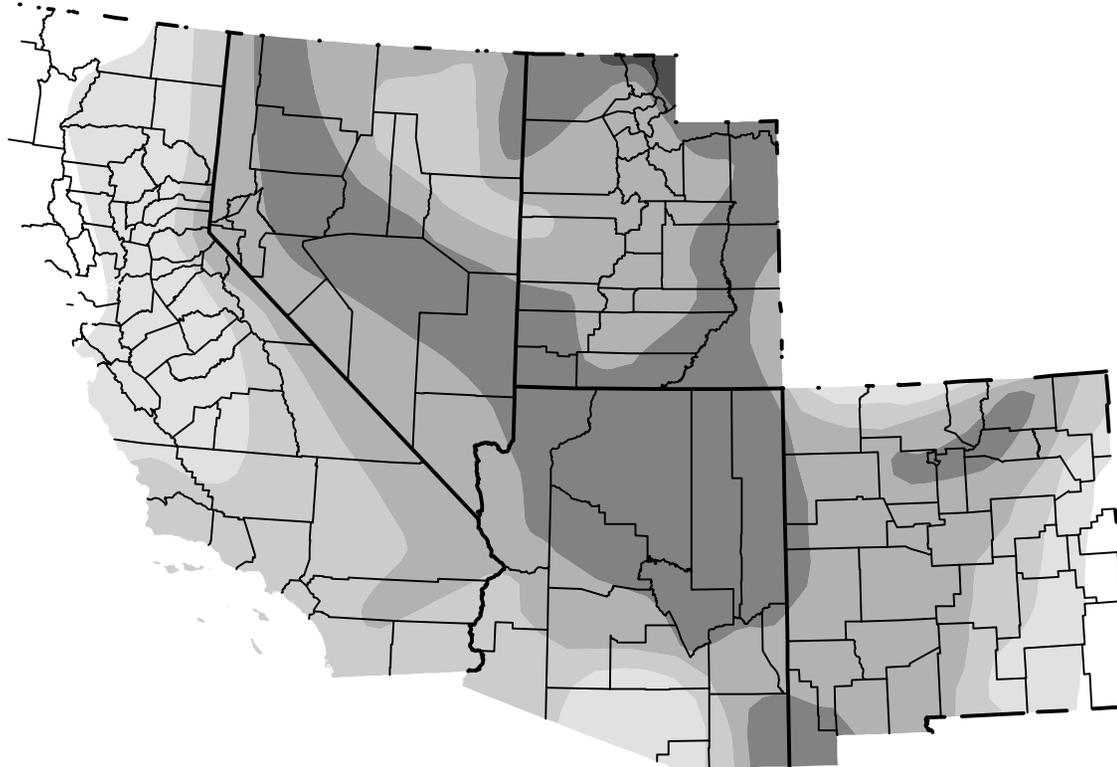


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## 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>	6.47	93.53	79.76	61.51	26.71	0.28
<b>Last Week</b> <i>07-22-2004</i>	4.99	95.01	82.33	61.23	26.02	0.28
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>04-29-2004</i>	9.09	90.91	70.87	54.16	21.95	0.28
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	81.43	74.25	65.97	39.04	7.96
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	81.54	77.38	66.18	44.47	3.52
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>07-31-2003</i>	17.07	82.93	79.39	65.77	42.16	5.04

***Intensity:***



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

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