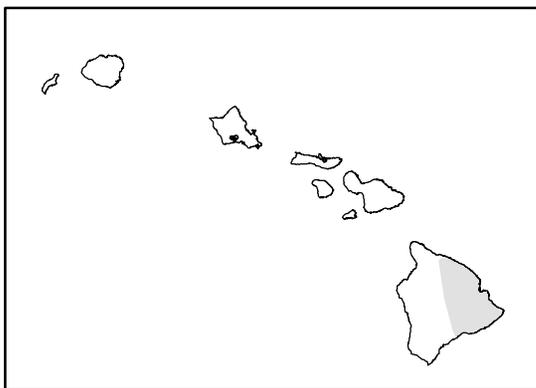
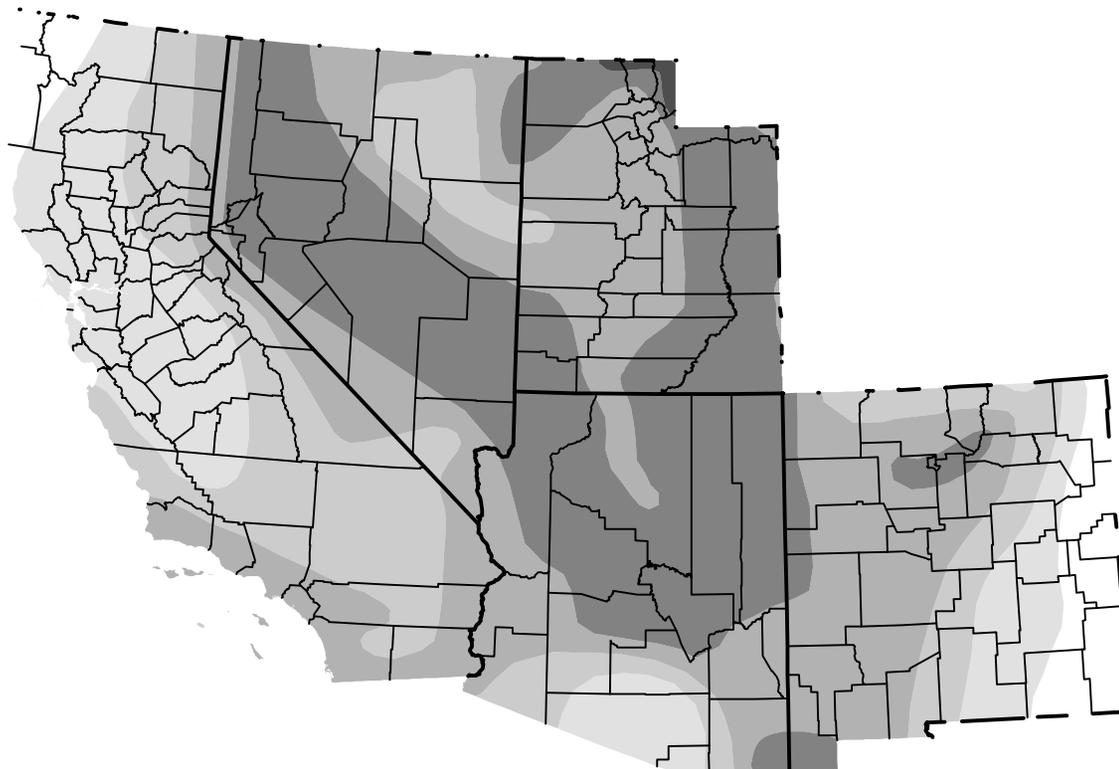


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.45	94.55	80.36	61.83	29.95	0.23
Last Week <i>09-02-2004</i>	5.79	94.21	80.36	61.83	30.31	0.23
3 Months Ago <i>06-10-2004</i>	5.75	94.25	78.86	55.66	26.00	0.28
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>09-11-2003</i>	17.91	82.09	80.25	68.04	42.25	3.77

Intensity:



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

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