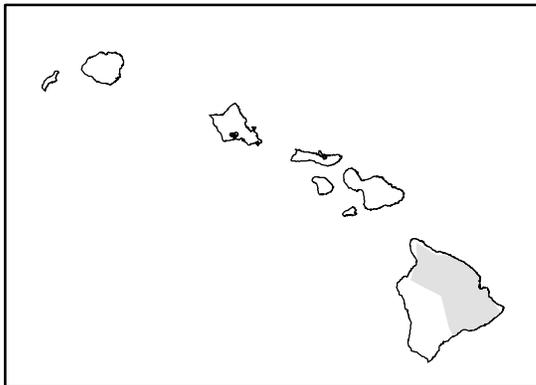
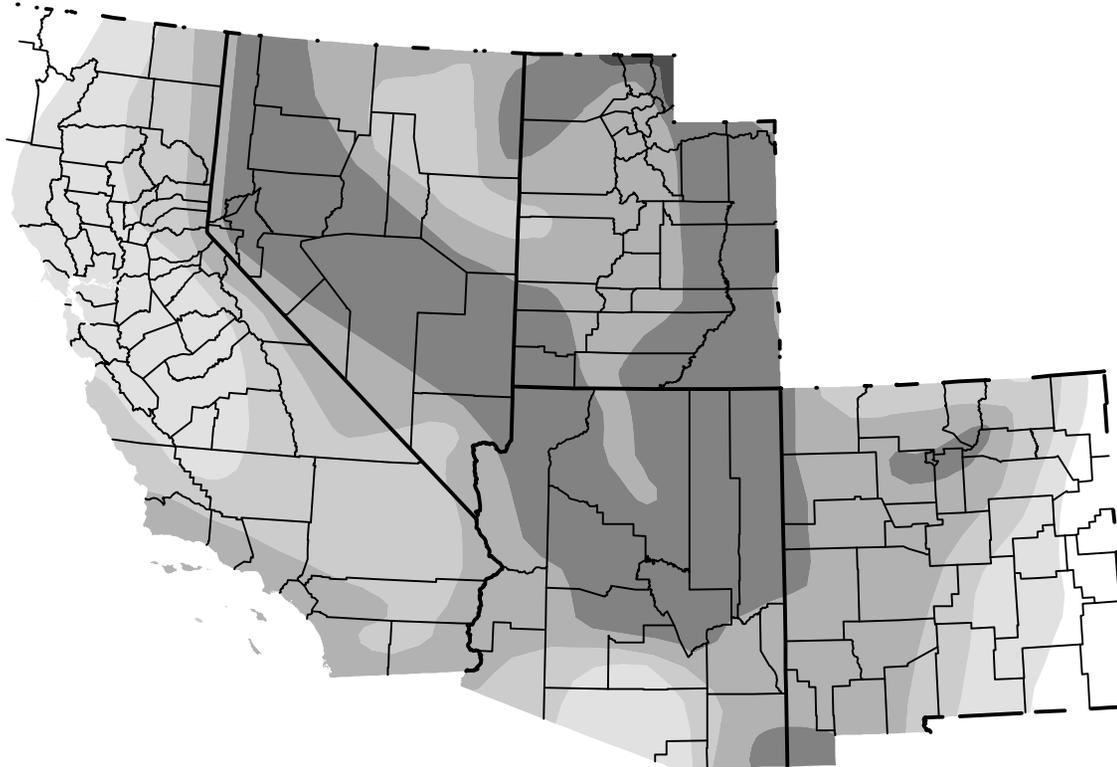


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southwest Climate Hub

**September 14, 2004**  
 (Released Thursday, Sep. 16, 2004)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	5.25	14.31	18.88	31.61	29.73	0.21
<b>Last Week</b> <i>09-09-2004</i>	5.45	14.20	18.53	31.88	29.71	0.23
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-17-2004</i>	5.75	14.94	23.56	29.79	25.68	0.28
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2003</i>	18.57	7.18	8.28	26.93	31.08	7.96
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2003</i>	18.46	4.16	11.20	21.71	40.95	3.52
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-18-2003</i>	18.27	2.47	11.51	22.78	41.53	3.44

***Intensity:***



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

***Author:***

Douglas Le Comte  
 CPC/NOAA



[droughtmonitor.unl.edu](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu)