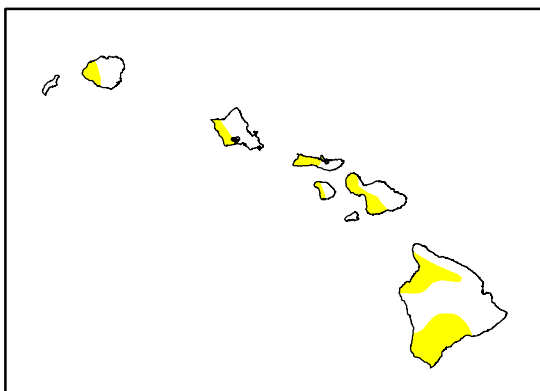
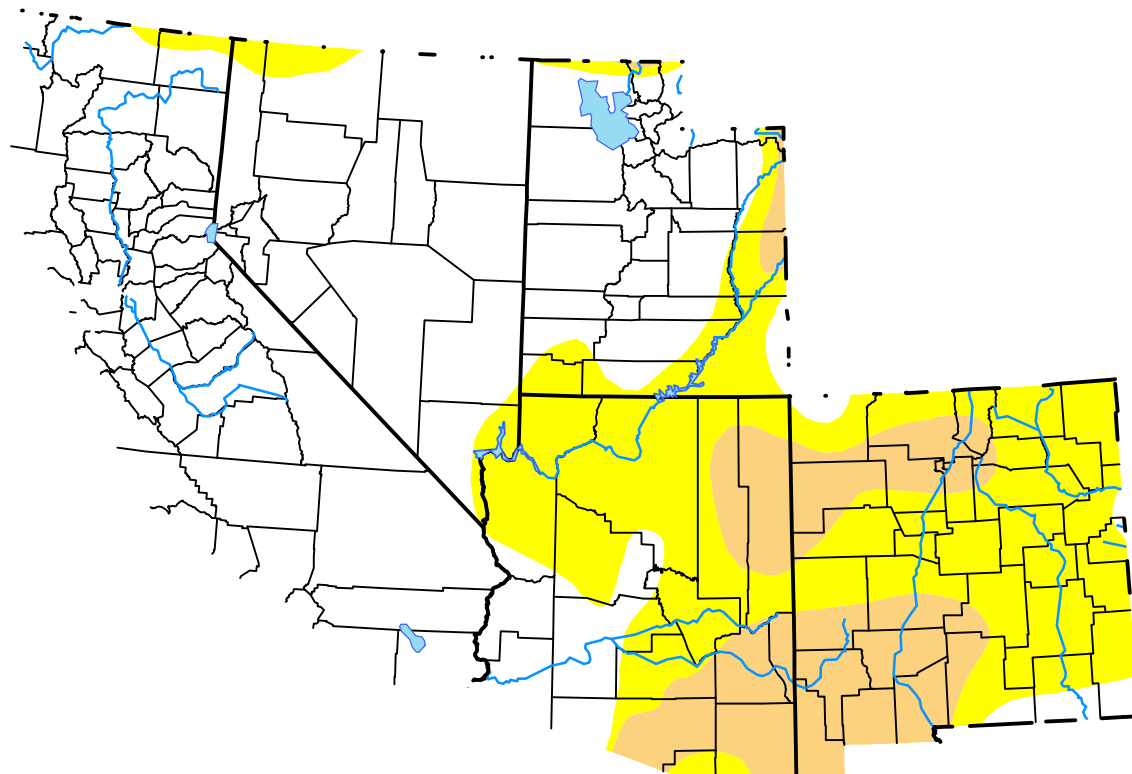


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	60.14	39.86	12.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 07-28-2005	62.91	37.09	9.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-05-2005	68.32	31.68	10.67	1.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-06-2005	25.51	74.49	59.32	32.80	11.75	0.11
Start of Water Year 09-30-2004	5.68	94.32	80.23	61.56	27.10	0.21
One Year Ago 08-05-2004	6.52	93.48	79.87	62.04	26.71	0.28

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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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