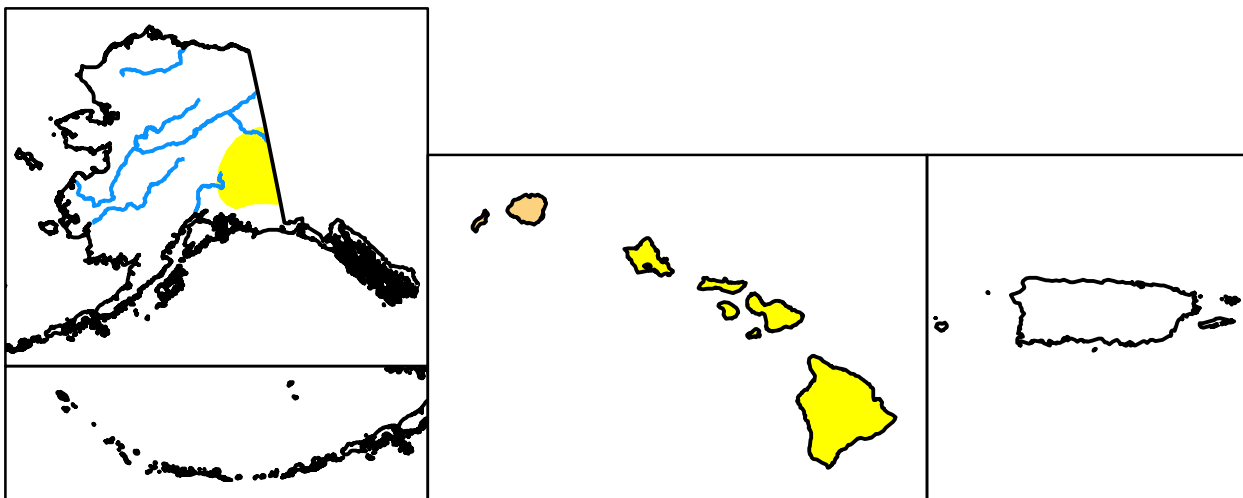
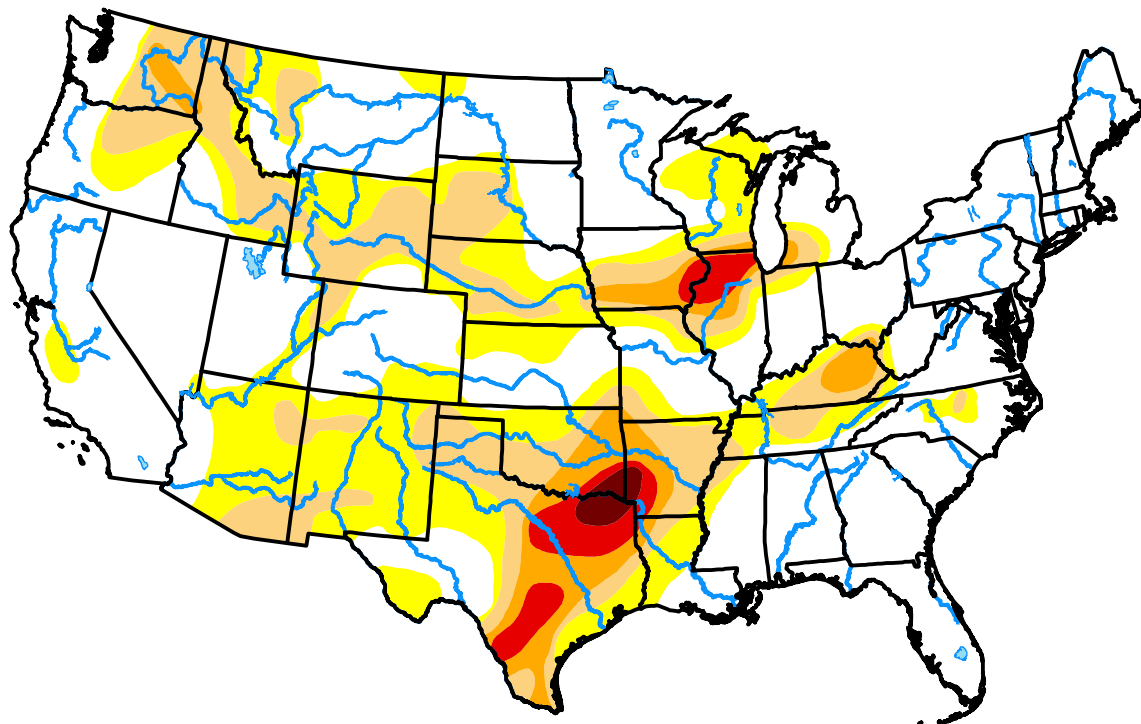


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	61.35	19.74	12.76	3.80	1.89	0.45
Last Week <i>12-20-2005</i>	59.87	21.07	12.87	3.84	1.89	0.45
3 Months Ago <i>09-27-2005</i>	59.56	20.61	13.81	5.38	0.62	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2005</i>	69.08	9.49	8.56	7.92	4.30	0.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	59.56	20.61	13.81	5.38	0.62	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-28-2004</i>	67.59	9.76	8.84	8.34	4.68	0.77

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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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