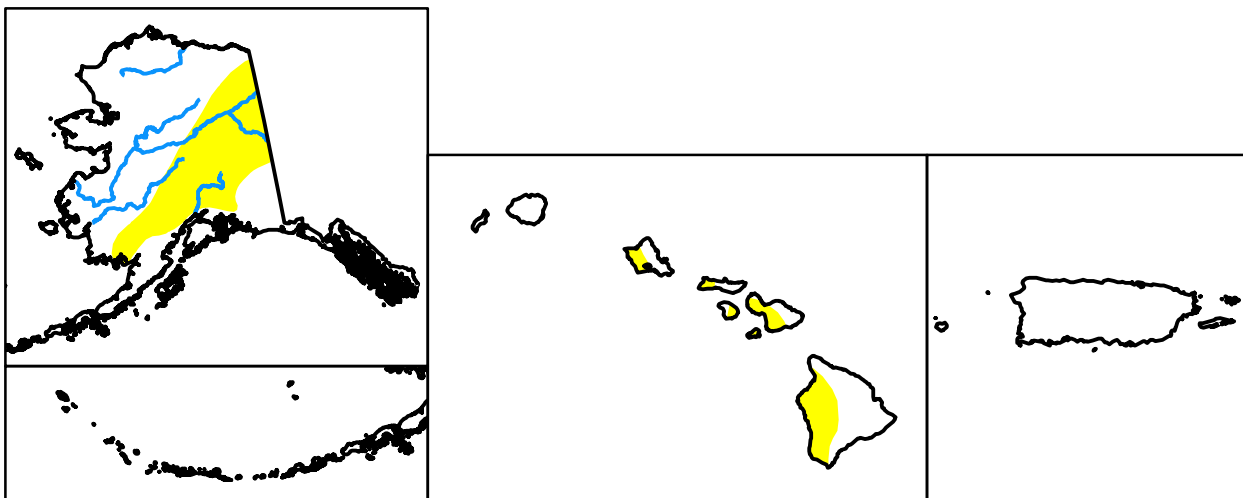
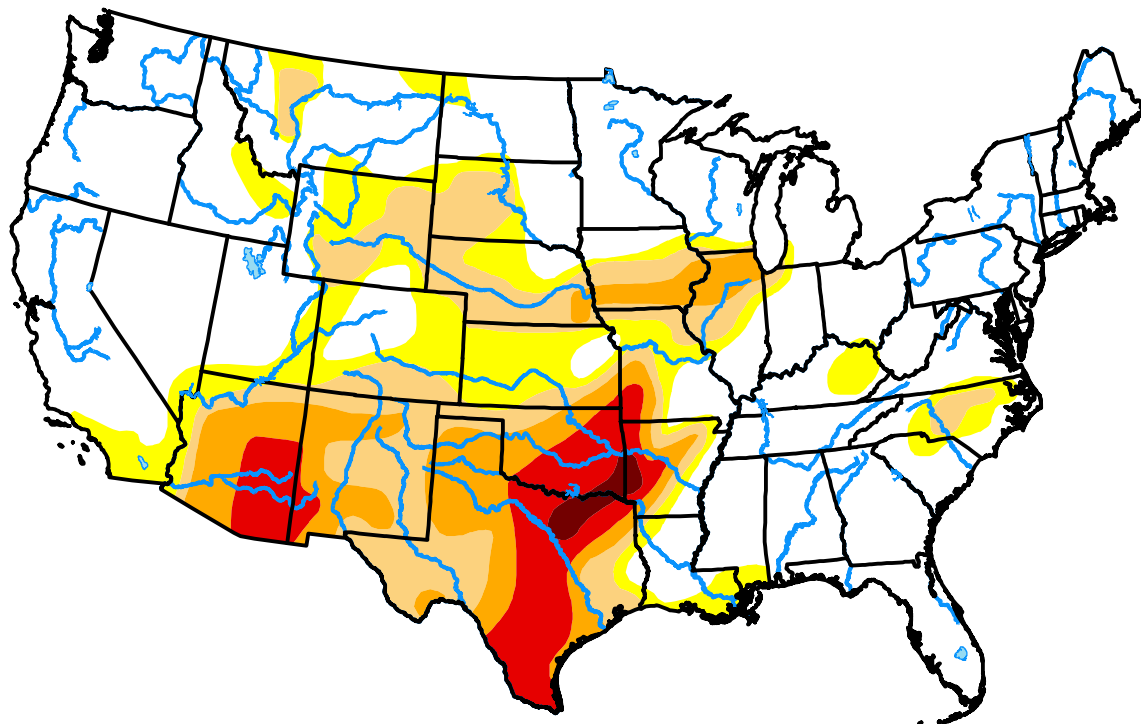


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U.S. States and Puerto Rico

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	60.35	15.77	11.12	7.25	4.97	0.53
Last Week 02-14-2006	60.50	15.94	11.62	6.60	4.84	0.48
3 Months Ago 11-22-2005	56.82	24.44	13.14	4.79	0.80	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2006	62.51	19.67	11.55	3.79	1.96	0.51
Start of Water Year 09-27-2005	59.56	20.61	13.81	5.38	0.62	0.00
One Year Ago 02-22-2005	66.83	10.46	9.83	7.99	4.01	0.87

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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