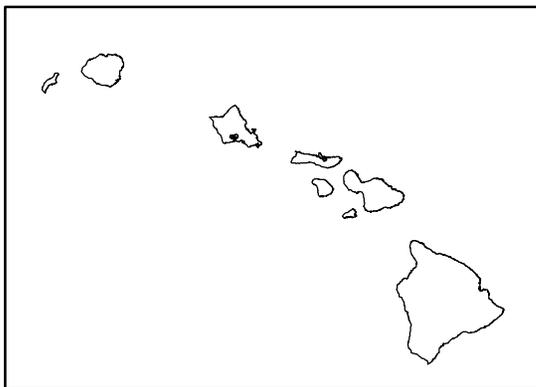
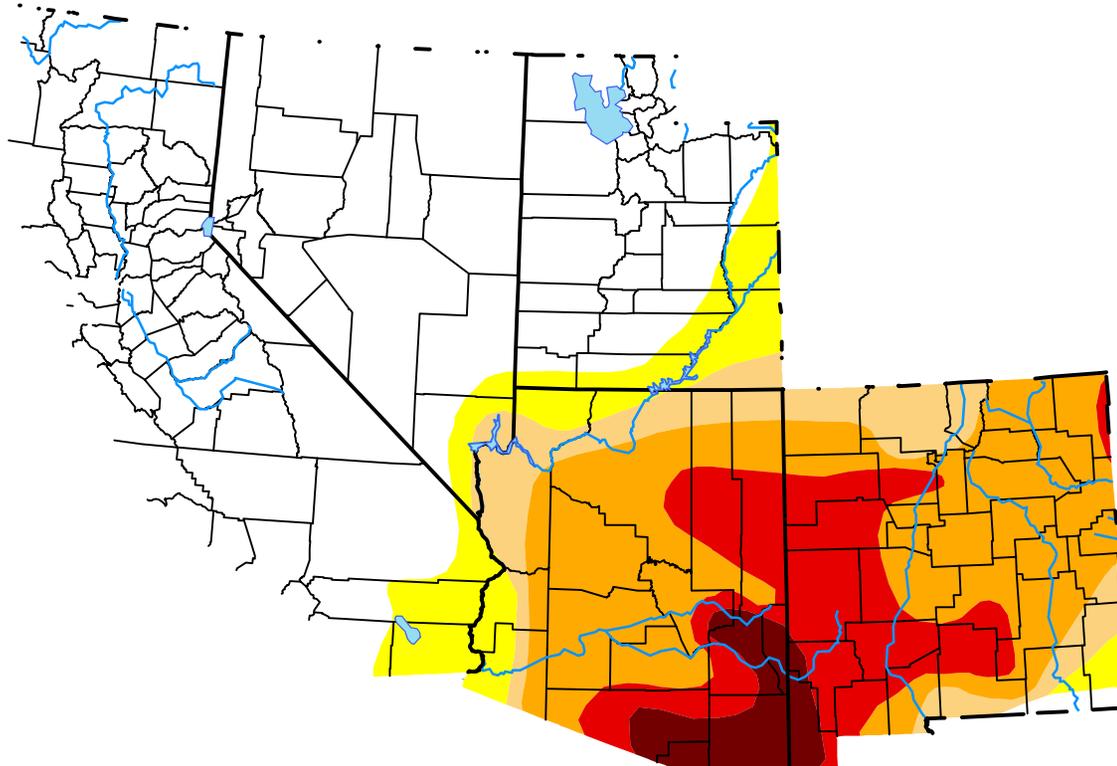


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USDA Southwest Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	54.41	7.65	6.73	18.54	9.70	2.96
Last Week <i>04-27-2006</i>	54.97	6.82	7.00	19.61	11.59	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-02-2006</i>	56.66	12.46	18.28	11.09	1.50	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	76.22	16.98	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-05-2005</i>	68.32	21.00	9.67	1.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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