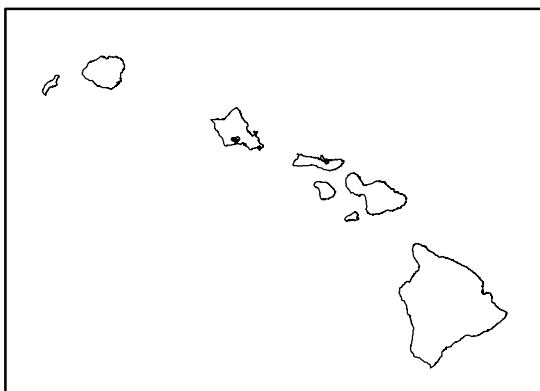
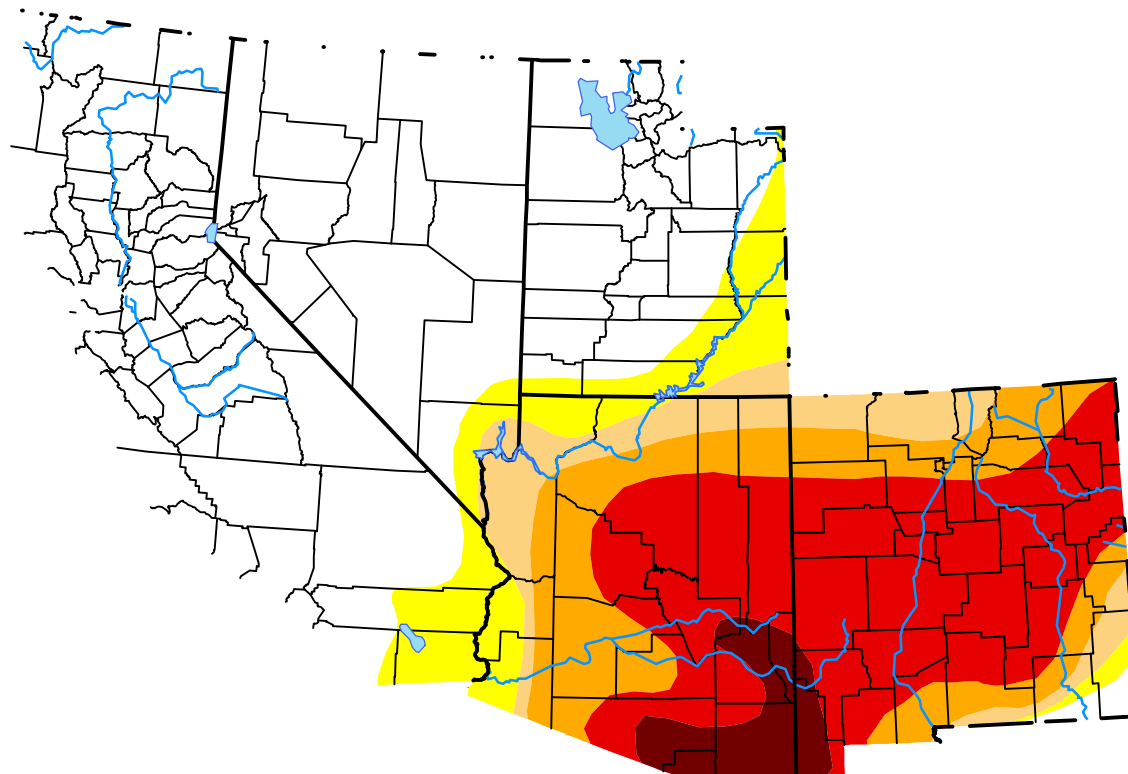


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	54.51	7.67	5.77	9.79	19.30	2.96
Last Week 05-04-2006	54.41	7.65	6.73	18.54	9.70	2.96
3 Months Ago 02-09-2006	53.12	10.66	17.27	11.48	7.48	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2006	57.15	29.90	12.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2005	76.22	16.98	6.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-12-2005	73.01	18.90	7.11	0.98	0.00	0.00

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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